

Two shots were fired at President Castro during a carnival at the capital, Venezuela.

During the marriage ceremony of John S. Blair and Miss Nannie Somers, at Perry, Okla., the bride fell and died.

Joseph Glen, a farmer of near Blue Springs, W. Va., killed his daughter, her brother, Albert Marsh, and then cut his own throat.

John O'Donnell was elected to succeed Michael Davitt, who resigned his seat in parliament as a protest against the Boer war.

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RATS A SOURCE OF DANGER.

Ships Should Be Free From Them Before Sailing For America.

A mass of evidence collected by the marine hospital bureau at Washington goes to show that the greatest danger to be apprehended from the bubonic plague is from importation by the ordinary rat, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Surgeon General Wyman says:

"There is a strong probability that the rat was responsible for the introduction of the plague into Porto Rico; there is little doubt that it was introduced to Santos through the same medium; private advices from Honolulu indicate that it was not there introduced through foodstuffs or merchandise, but that again the rat was the responsible agent."

"The attention of quarantine and health officers is, therefore, again invited to the vital necessity for rigorous measures for ridding all ships from infected and suspected ports of rats and other vermin at the ports of arrival and the expediency and necessity of measures looking to the elimination of the same at ports of departure prior to the taking on of cargo for the United States."

"Rats migrate from ship to ship along docks and quays in search of food, and ships loaded with rice and other foodstuffs should, therefore, be particularly looked after. They should be subjected to fumigation prior to taking on cargo and subsequently guarded to prevent, as far as possible, the invasion by rats."

"Although a port or place where the plague has prevailed may be pronounced free from the disease, because there have been no cases among persons for a certain period, it does not follow that the port or place is free from danger, for the disease may still be prevailing among rats, and it is quite as important, from a quarantine or sanitary standpoint, to be assured that the disease has ceased among rats as among persons."

"It is gratifying to note the unanimity of sentiment which seems to be growing up among all health authorities on this subject, and the vigorous measures which have been instituted abroad looking to the suppression of the rat as a recognized source of danger."

FOR STALKING BOERS.

Scottish Gamekeepers and Gilties Enlist For Service In South Africa. In many ways now the initial want of our army in South Africa of trained

ALL EYES ON BULLER.

He Occupies the Center of the Stage in the South African Tragedy.

HOPES SOON TO RELIEVE LADYSMITH.

Besieged Garrison Reported to Be in Desperate Straits—Speculation Concerning Next Move of Lord Roberts.

London, March 1.—General Buller's distinct success in storming Pieter's hill brings the rescue of Ladysmith near, but the war office intimates that an immediate announcement of relief need not be expected.

Buller's successful attack came after the hard fighting of Friday, and it was improvised and its execution begun during the armistice of Sunday. In proposing the armistice the British commander stipulated that both sides should be free to move, but that neither should do any shooting. He was, therefore, within his privileges in immediately beginning to transfer his troops. General Buller's tidings come weighted with his long list of casualties. His losses in the four attempts to get General White out aggregate 4,000.

Ladysmith is in desperate straits. Charles Williams, the military expert, says he learns on high authority—presumably that of Lord Wolseley—that "General White's force is almost at its last gasp." "This is not so much," says Mr. Williams, "on account of any lack of provisions or of ammunition, neither of which is yet exhausted, as because of the poisonous waters of the Klip river and the evil effects of the heat on the terrain in which the garrison must reside. The water of Klip river is not available for drinking, and to boil it is impossible, because of the scarcity of fuel. It is thick with putrid animal matter. Tea made of it has a suspended fibre, something like beer tea. It is caused by the sewage from the Boer camps."

There is no authoritative indication yet of what Lord Roberts will do next. It seems likely that a branch railway will be built across the veldt to lessen the difficulties of transport. Colonel Giroud, who built the Soudan railway, is with Lord Roberts. The strain on the western railway is seen from the fact that the population of Kimberley, two weeks after the relief, continues on reduced rations. Lord Roberts' troops, thus far, have been only partially fed.

It is quite clear to technical heads that those who talk of an immediate and rapid advance far into the Free State do not realize the transport conditions. The Boers, as it now appears, have built a railway from Harpersburg to Kroomstadt, to facilitate the movement of their troops between Natal and the Free State.

Mafeking was holding out on Feb. 16. At that time the Boers were showing unusual activity, and firing inflammable shells. The Boers who hold positions south of the Orange river have been weakened.

Lieutenant Barentzen, writing on behalf of himself and of other Scandinavian prisoners, affirms that there are no mercenaries in the Boer army, and no volunteers who receive a penny for their services.

Winston Churchill, in a dispatch from Cologne, dated Tuesday, says: "The condition of the wounded, who were untended on the hillside, Sunday, was so painful that General Buller sent a flag of truce to the enemy, and it was arranged that throughout Sunday military movements should continue on both sides, but there should be no shooting. This truce terminated at dusk. The Boers then resumed a furious musketry attack on the British left. The attack was repulsed. Fighting continues vigorously. We shall see who can stand 'bucketing' best, the Briton or the Boer."

These men have the true instinct for guerrilla warfare. Most of them are "followers of the red deer," accustomed to rough country, able to judge distances in all kinds of weather, tough as leather and sparse eaters.

British Casualties to Date. London, March 1.—The rapidly growing casualty lists are being classified as quickly as possible. They show that up to Wednesday the total number of casualties was 12,334, of which 2,319 were added during the last fortnight. Ten of the 11 Scotch regiments lost about 2,050 men, and eight of the Irish regiments, 2,000. Then come the Gloucesters and Northumberlands, while of nearly 200 colonials the Royal Canadians lost 121 and the Victoria mounted contingent 26. The casualties are classified thus: Killed, 1,993; wounded, 6,838; missing, 3,173; disease, 830.

ELECTRIC RANGE FINDER.

Invention of an Australian Being Tested by British War Office.

The London Daily Mail says: "For two years the war office has been testing an electrical position finder, invented by an Australian named Alcock, who says that his invention will give the range and bearing of a fixed or a moving object and at the same instant will give information to any number of fortress guns attached by wire to the instrument, thus enabling 100 guns, for instance, to concentrate their fire simultaneously on a single ship."

"It is to be hoped that the war office will arrive at a decision before the invention is offered to the United States."

Unsound of Wind.

Learned medical men declared that Mr. Blues, the Fifehire athlete, was unfit for service in South Africa owing to "unsoundness of wind." After his medical examination, says the London Globe, the would-be volunteer took a turn with the Kirkcaldy Harriers in the ten miles cross country championship and won it.

"In the Dark Ages. 'How's that?' 'Well, even if the days weren't longer they had more nights.'"—Pittsburgh Bulletin.

Reinsburg Reoccupied. London, March 1.—Lord Roberts cabled the war office as follows: "Reinsburg was reoccupied by General Clements."

DELUGE OF SNOW.

Business in the West Fairly Prostrated by the Storm.

Toledo, O., March 1.—Twenty inches of snow have fallen in Toledo and northwestern Ohio, and the prospects are that there will be more than two feet on the level before the storm has passed. Business in Toledo is practically at a standstill, only three lines of cars being kept open. The storm compelled a shutdown in the oil fields of this corner of the state, not a well in the district being pumped. With the storm comes a scarcity of coal. Trains from the east and west were from two to four hours late, and freight traffic has been abandoned on most roads.

Effect Disastrous.

Chicago, March 1.—Chicago is snow-bound by the heaviest fall of snow ever recorded by the local weather bureau. In 24 hours 11.4 inches of snow fell, and the effect was disastrous on travel and traffic. Streetcars were blocked by the huge drifts. Mails were delayed, stock trains stalled, business interfered with and many accidents caused by the storm. Scarcely a trade or industry in the city escaped without feeling some effect of the blizzard.

Heavy Fall.

Detroit, Mich., March 1.—In the past 24 hours lower Michigan has experienced the most severe snowstorm in many years. The fall in Detroit has been 15 inches, and throughout the state runs from that figure to almost three feet at Paw Paw. Trains are either many hours late or abandoned entirely. Streetcar traffic in the smaller interior towns was abandoned entirely and in Detroit the cars run irregularly.

Along Lake Erie.

Cleveland, March 1.—From three to seven inches of snow fell within a very short time throughout northern Ohio early in the day. On the trunk lines trains were reported from 20 minutes to two hours late. Many street car lines in this city were completely tied up during the early hours of the morning.

Deep Mantle of Snow.

Kansas City, March 1.—The whole southwest is a mantle of snow from two to three feet deep on the level. Trains are late in all directions. In Kansas City street car service has been almost at a standstill.

Trains Stalled.

New York, March 1.—Dispatches from the northern and western portions of the state report the heavy snowfall, a foot on the level in some places. Trains are moving slowly.

Aim of Maud Gonne.

Omaha, Neb., March 1.—Maud Gonne, the "Irish Joan of Arc," arrived here and will speak at a mass meeting in behalf of the Boer cause. Miss Gonne says she is working to compel the British government to resort to conscription to raise troops for the South African campaign. She believes this is the hardest blow that can be struck at Great Britain, as the English people are strongly opposed to conscription and its enforcement will constitute the war unpopular, do much to make it so.

Cyclone Caused It.

San Juan, P. R., March 1.—The Porto Rico company, a New Jersey corporation with headquarters at Philadelphia, has petitioned the court for a declaration of insolvency, and S. E. Simpson has been appointed receiver. The petition sets forth that the principal cause of the failure was the amount of property destroyed by the cyclone of last year. The sum of \$175,000 in cash is said to have been sunk in Porto Rico.

In a Receiver's Hands.

New York, March 1.—Ex-Mayor Hugh J. Grant was appointed receiver of the Third Avenue Railroad company by Judge Lacombe in the United States circuit court. All interests concerned which appeared, including the holders of \$5,000,000 in liens, agreed on Mr. Grant. The bill of complaint was filed by the Old Colony Trust company, and states that the corporation is unable to pay its debts.

Populist Ticket.

Boston, March 1.—George F. Washburn, chairman of the Massachusetts Populist state committee, who has just returned from the Populist national committee meeting, says that the Populists will nominate William J. Bryan and Judge Henry C. Caldwell for president and vice president at Sioux Falls, S. D., May 9, and that the Democratic national convention will endorse the ticket.

Echo of the Wreck.

Kansas City, Mo., March 1.—The body of the unknown woman, cremated in the parlor car, has been removed from the wreck. Inquiries from St. Louis indicate that she is Mrs. M. Well, 30, wife of a merchant of that city. Miss Emma Schmidlapp of Cincinnati, one of the injured, died during the day.

Boers Retired.

Cape Town, March 1.—Lord Kitchener is at Arundel. The Boers are retreating to Morija's point and all is quiet at Stormberg.

In Six Rounds.

Springfield, O., March 1.—Buck Stelzer knocked out Al Bellvue in the sixth round at the Senate Athletic club.

Turf Winners.

At New Orleans—Loyalty, Cavalier, Jack Hayes, Sad Sam, Straight, Zaza. At Oakland, Cal.—Tekla, Twinkler, Combermere, Dr. Sheppard, Arabesque, Socialist, Frank Bell.

The Weather.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

COUNTY SHERIFF.

J. C. CRONLEY will be a candidate for re-nomination to the office of COUNTY SHERIFF on the Democratic ticket, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election, April 2nd, 1900.

We are authorized to announce the name of C. B. GRAHAM as a candidate for COUNTY SHERIFF, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election, April 2nd, 1900.

We are requested to announce the name of WILBUR RICKERTY of Bath-Township as a candidate for SHERIFF, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election, April 2nd, 1900.

COMMISSIONER.

We are authorized to announce the name of GEORGE D. KANAWAY as a candidate for nomination for COMMISSIONER of Allen County, for second term subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

INFIRMARY DIRECTOR.

We are authorized to announce the name of T. A. RHAN as a candidate for nomination for INFIRMARY DIRECTOR, for second term, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

CONSTABLE.

We are authorized to announce the name of T. A. RHAN as a candidate for nomination for CONSTABLE, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

COUNCILMAN.

Please announce the name of J. J. SCULLY as a candidate for MEMBER OF COUNCIL from the First Ward, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

MAYOR.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. L. McDONALD as a candidate for re-election as MAYOR from the First Ward, Lima, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

Please announce the name of JEROME REINE as a candidate for MEMBER OF COUNCIL from the Second Ward, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. J. MCARDIN as a candidate for MEMBER OF COUNCIL from the Second Ward, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

Please announce the name of JACOB J. HANCOCK as a candidate for COUNCILMAN from the Second Ward, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. W. HANCOCK as a candidate for nomination for MEMBER OF COUNCIL from the Second Ward, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

Please announce the name of JACOB J. HANCOCK as a candidate for COUNCILMAN from the Second Ward, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

At the solicitation of his many friends, MICHAEL O'NEILL hereby announces his name as a candidate for nomination for MEMBER OF COUNCIL from the First Ward, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce the name of ALBERT J. SIMONS as a candidate for nomination for MEMBER OF COUNCIL from the Second Ward, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

CITY SOLICITOR.

We are authorized to announce the name of FRED W. HARRIS as a candidate for nomination for CITY SOLICITOR, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

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SCHOOL COMMISSIONER.

We are requested to announce the name of WILLIAM L. CROSBY as a candidate for nomination for SCHOOL COMMISSIONER, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

At the solicitation of his many friends, J. A. SMALLEY announces his name as a candidate for nomination for SCHOOL COMMISSIONER, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

We are requested to announce the name of GEORGE E. DUNN as a candidate for nomination for SCHOOL COMMISSIONER, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

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nomination for CITY CIVIL ENGINEER, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce the name of LAURENT FERRELL as a candidate for ASSESSOR from the Second Ward, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

ASSESSOR.

We are authorized to announce the name of THOMAS SHANNESSEY as a candidate for ASSESSOR from the Second Ward, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

The city council should at its next meeting take up the subject of the Street Railway Company and require them to put their track in condition to retain cars, or else compel them to quite running cars on their uneven rails. It is not right that the people who wish to use the street should be prevented from doing so by the little habit the cars have of leaving the track and running at random about the streets at the constant risk of running down whoever might be occupying the street at the time the car would take its erratic shear. The plain fact is the track is not well put down. It is rough and uneven and a ride over it suggests a trip in a small boat on choppy waters. It is all the patrons can do to keep on their feet when the car is moving over the numerous little hills and hollows which abound in the track.

The people on west Market street are justly complaining because, before they have finished making their payments for the paving on the street, which cost them nearly five dollars per front foot, the cars of the Street Railway Co. are allowed to run off the track and tear out great chunks of asphalt, which the railway company takes no pains to restore. A few weeks ago a car ran off the track, out near Charles street and tore up a lot of the paving and almost forced its way across the pavement into a private yard before it was stopped. And the street remains torn up just as the runaway car left it. This week a similar offense was committed between Metcalf and McDonel streets. The people who are paying for the paving of the street have a right to demand that this sort of damage cease.

The action of the Democracy of Lima last night in passing a resolution antagonistic to the proposition to make the school board of Lima a political body is heartily commended by nine-tenths of the citizens of Lima, irrespective of their political belief.

The great majority of the people who are interested in the success of the Lima public schools deprecated the effort that was made to interject politics into the management of them, and it is not now believed that the proposition to do so will be successful.

For a period of years the board has been bi-partisan, an equal number of representatives from both the Republican and Democratic parties composing the board. As a consequence of this policy, the management of the schools has been free from the machinations which another policy might produce. There never was a time within their history when the character of our public schools has been higher than at present. The superintendent, principals and teachers have been selected on their merits and the patrons of the schools have had the satisfaction of having their children taught by a superior class of instructors. The grade of the Lima Union Schools is as high as of any similar educational institution in Ohio, and it would be a serious mistake to adopt any policy which might bring about a period of retrogression in them. The present system has been successful and there is no good reason why a policy which has been tried and found satisfactory for the pupils should be changed for an experiment which might prove disastrous. The mutations which would inevitably follow the introduction of a partisan political system into the management of the public school would prove disastrous to them and such a result is to be deprecated. If the present system was not producing good results, and if those who favor another policy could show that the pupils would be benefited by the contemplated change, there would be justification for the adoption of the other policy. But such is not the claim made. It is for an ulterior purpose that the change is suggested and the public who consult the welfare of the schools are opposed to it, and demand that well enough be let alone.

Fellows and Others.

"What is your impression of Chicago?" asked the first street man.

"It is, indeed, a garden spot," responded his eastern cousin.

"Ah, I am flattered."

"Yes; so many beer gardens, you know."

PASSED BY THE HOUSE.

Mooted Tariff Measure For Porto Rico Is Now Half a Law.

IT WENT THROUGH AS AMENDED.

Herculean Efforts on the Part of the Republicans Saved the Bill From Defeat—General Washington News.

Washington, March 1.—The battle royal over the Porto Rican tariff bill ended in the house in a victory for the Republicans. The bill, amended as agreed upon at the conference of Republicans on Monday night so as to reduce the tariff from 25 to 15 per cent of the American tariff, and limiting its life to two years, was passed by a vote of 172 yeas to 161 nays. Six Republicans voted with the opposition against the bill, and four Democrats voted with the Republicans for the bill.

Herculean efforts had been made to get out the full vote, and this led to some remarkable incidents. Six men were brought from beds of sickness; two of them from hospitals. The first test was on a substitute offered by Mr. McCall on behalf of the opposition. It was the original Payne bill for free trade with Porto Rico, and was defeated 160 to 174.

Favors Expansion.

Washington, March 1.—The final vote on the Hawaiian government bill will be taken by the senate on Thursday evening. One of the features of the session was the speech of Mr. McLaughlin (R. C.) on the Philippine question. He is the first Democrat in the senate to declare himself for expansion. He scouted what he called the "bugbear of imperialism," with which some of his colleagues were trying to frighten the people, declaring that the question was not one of politics, and maintained the acquisition of the Philippines would be of immense advantage to this country, especially the south, by opening to the United States the trade of the Orient.

Needs of the Navy.

Washington, March 1.—Secretary Long made a statement to the house naval committee on the general needs of the navy and the desirability of not building new ships in the government yards. As to new ships, he held to his recommendation at the time congress met, namely, three armored cruisers of about 13,000 tons each, with the heaviest armor and most powerful ordnance; 12 gunboats of about 900 tons each, and three protector cruisers of about 8,000 tons each. As to building warships in our navy yards, Mr. Long said they cost much more than those built under contract, and took twice as long to build them.

A Porto Rican's Contentment. Washington, March 1.—Suit was filed in the United States court of claims by Ludwig Duplace of Porto Rico to recover \$6,534, which he has paid as customs duties on goods imported from the United States. He bases his right to recover on the claim that he is a citizen of the United States, under the treaty of peace with Spain and the constitution of the United States.

General Brooke's Command. Washington, March 1.—General John R. Brooke, who has been in this city since his recent detachment from duty as governor-general of Cuba, has been slated for the command of the military department of the east with headquarters at New York city. The change in that command will not occur until June next, when Major General Wesley Merritt will retire.

Exchange of Old Bonds. Washington, March 1.—It is authoritatively stated at the treasury department that in case the pending financial bill becomes a law, the exchange of old bonds for the new 2-percents will be made in the order in which they are actually received at the treasury, after the bill becomes a law.

Pamphleteer to Retire. Washington, March 1.—In one month Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador here, will retire from the office he has held for so many years. Although the close of his term of office is so near at hand, the British foreign office has not as yet given any sign as to the succession.

Mrs. Dwight L. Moody. Mrs. W. G. Holden of Chicago says: "No man ever paid greater homage to his wife than Mr. Moody. I never met with a happier couple. In every way he deferred to her. She answered all his voluminous correspondence. She was the person to whom he always spoke of his plans and his work. No trouble was too great for him if he could save her any bother or everyday, ordinary little troubles. They were married in 1894, and Mr. Moody had already started on his missionary work at North Market hall. They were very poor, had hardly enough to live on, and resided in a little house at Dearborn avenue and Indiana street, but they were happy, and this happiness has continued through their lives."

Liberia Paying Her Debts. Liberia, having obtained an income from royalties paid by the English rubber syndicate, is now again paying interest on her debt of \$500,000, on which she defaulted 25 years ago, says the Washington Times. The arrears of interest have been cleared off by an agreement of the creditors to receive \$75,000 as payment in full of all back interest.

NEW CAMPAIGN BUTTON.

Emblem to Advance Lieutenant Governor T. L. Woodruff's Name. Friends of Lieutenant Governor Timothy L. Woodruff were about the Fifth Avenue hotel in New York the other day generously distributing campaign buttons. Nearly every member of the Republican state committee, which met at noon in the hotel, was provided with a supply of the buttons and asked to



BUTTON TO ADVANCE WOODRUFF'S ROOM. say a good word for the Woodruff vice presidential boom up state, says the New York Herald.

The buttons were manufactured in New York and the contract called for 100,000 buttons. The first consignment of 10,000 was sent on ahead of Mr. Woodruff for his western trip, and when these are exhausted another 10,000 will be ready for shipment. The remainder will be distributed in the east and south.

DITCH RIDERS.

New Occupation Opened Up by the Western Irrigating Canals.

One of the newest occupations is that of "ditch rider" in the western states which have large irrigating canals. The "ditch rider" patrols the ditch throughout the season of actual operation to see that the works are in good repair and to superintend the proper distribution of water from the system. Where a ditch is not longer than 12 to 15 miles one ditch rider, according to the New York Press, is expected to patrol its entire length, but upon more extensive systems several may be required. In the latter case the canal is divided into divisions, each of which is patrolled by a separate rider, and the length of a division depends upon the character of the duties, varying with the amount of repairs, the danger of breaks and leaks and the number of regulating gates to look after.

The average length of a division is from 12 to 15 miles, and the average compensation for the work ranges from \$30 to \$75 a month, out of which he must pay his own board and furnish and maintain his own horse and cart.

BOER PRISONERS.

How the British Dispose of Their Captives in South Africa.

The problem of the disposition of Boer prisoners captured in the early engagements of the South African war has been solved by the British in the employment of prison ships. Two ships have been assigned by the authorities for this purpose, the Penelope and the Cephalonia, says the New York Commercial Advertiser. One of these ships is kept anchored in Simons bay, near Cape Town, for the reception of prisoners of war who are brought to it from time to time by the other. From the front the captured Boers are brought to Natal and conveyed from there to the coast at Durban. Here they are taken on board the Penelope.

On board the Penelope the prisoners are cared for until a sufficient number have been received, when the ship weighs anchor and starts on her voyage along the coast to Simons bay. At the anchorage of the Cephalonia the prisoners are transferred, and the Penelope starts on her trip back to Durban for another load.

A. E. Hasker, an officer in Plummer's force, now a prisoner at Pretoria, sent a private letter to Cape Town in which he said: "The officers are confined in the model school, which has been formed, and during the morning the officers go through Sandow's developing exercises. In the afternoon they play rounders. The prisoners generally are developing wonderful muscles. Our duogenes are distinctly up to date. There is every convenience, from electricity to toothpicks, as well as books from the library."—Chicago Tribune.

To Buy John Brown's Name. The descendants of John Brown are too poor to keep up the homestead of the famous abolitionist; therefore an association is being formed to purchase and take possession, says the New York Herald. The homestead is at Torrington, Conn., and it is accepted by members of the race for which Brown gave his life. Dwight C. Kilbourn of Litchfield, Conn., a veteran of the civil war, is at the head of the association, and it is proposed to take possession of the place on May 9, the one hundredth anniversary of Brown's birth.

Push Button Instead of Trigger. A. K. Klefer, a jeweler of Ludwigsburg, has perfected an appliance for the firing of guns, pistols and all kinds of small arms by the use of electricity.

The invention is the result of nearly three years' labor. In Mr. Klefer's invention the trigger, according to the New York Sun, is really a push button which ignites an electric spark. In the stock of the gun is a battery, and when the trigger is pulled the current passes to the cartridge, which is specially prepared. The current is shut off except when the trigger is pulled.

THE NEW CARNATIONS.

Some New Points in Judging the Flower.

MODERN METHODS OF CULTIVATION.

Florists Giving Them as Much Care as They Give Roses—Substitution of Sixteen by Eighteen Inch Panes of Glass in Greenhouse Windows Has Been Found Very Beneficial.

Baltimore florists are much pleased at the announcement made recently at Buffalo at the annual meeting of the National Carnation society that the meeting of the society next year will be held in Baltimore. Several new varieties of carnations have been originated by florists throughout Maryland, and the fact that the society will meet in Baltimore will incite them to further endeavor.

Just now, while the Lawson variety—a rich dark pink—is still looked upon with respect by all growers, the tendency seems to be toward the cultivation of red blossoms. The G. H. Crane is regarded by them as being one of the finest produced so far. The Chicago, a sport from the red and white variegated "Bradt," is another red blossom that is spoken of very highly.

Three of the most important things taken into account by the florists in their judgment of carnations, besides the color, which seems to depend upon popular caprice, are the size of the blossom, the strength of its stem and the strength of its calyx. If the calyx is weak and splits down the sides, so that the petals tumble out in a sort of slovenly fashion, the critical grower will have nothing to say in praise of the blossom. The length of the stem is considered also, as well as the strength of the stem. Some of the new blossoms can compete with the American Beauty rose when it comes to length of stem. One of them, the White Cloud, boasts of resting on the tip of a stem that is from two and a half to three feet long.

A leading florist said recently to a reporter of the Baltimore Sun: "Growers used to think that any kind of greenhouse was good enough for 'pinks.' They used to use their old houses that weren't fit to raise anything else in for them. Now they give the carnations as much care as they give their roses, and the flowers show the result of the treatment."

"Carnations require a little less skill in treatment than roses. But in some ways the two flowers are alike. The red spider is their common enemy, and neither roses nor carnations amount to anything unless the soil of the greenhouse is renewed each season and entirely new plants set out. Roses require more heat. Rose houses must be kept at a temperature of from 60 to 70 degrees, while carnations thrive best in a temperature of from 45 to 65 degrees."

"Why do the florists pay so much attention to them? The law of demand and supply has its effect upon the carnations as well as upon other people. Carnations are very popular, and the florists simply cater to the demand for them. There are probably several reasons for their popularity. Their fragrance and color are enjoyed by nearly everybody. They are less expensive than roses and last much longer. Illuminating gas is about the only thing that seems to affect carnations. They are much more sensitive to it than any other flowers are. Their petals curl up—go to sleep, as the florists say—almost immediately after being taken into a room lighted by gas."

Thousands of sprigs of carnation plants have been placed by the florists in their cutting benches in preparation for the carnations that will be grown next season. The sprigs are taken sometimes from the stem near the flower, sometimes lower down near the main stem. Of course the cuttings are selected only from healthy plants. The cuttings are placed in close rows, with about 50 plants in a row. Arranged in this way in the cutting bench, a thousand plants take only about four square feet of space. Early in April, if the spring is sufficiently far advanced by that time, the cuttings will be planted out of doors. In July or August the florists will prepare their carnation houses for the reception of the new plants, and by the latter part of September they will all be in place. The florists have found from practical experience that the plants gain during their few months of outdoor life a vigor which the hothouse grown plants never possess. Several weeks of indoor forcing are required before the plants begin to bloom, but after they have begun to flower they generally do so steadily throughout the entire season.

The florists who pay any special attention to their carnations raise them in separate houses just as they do their roses. A recent change which has been felt in all branches of floriculture and has been particularly beneficial to carnations has been the substitution of the 16 by 18 inch panes of glass in the greenhouse windows for the 8 inch panes used formerly. The larger surface exposure to the light secured by the larger panes has added to the strength and beauty of many plants grown indoors. Carnations are not only grown in separate houses, but each plant is kept strictly to itself. A wire frame supports each plant and at the same time separates it from its neighbors.

American School Work in Cuba. After three months' work by an American superintendent 100,000 children are attending school in Cuba. Even the native agitators, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, are compelled to admit that American educational methods are surprisingly effective in bringing about prompt results.

MOTHER SUPERIOR ENDORSES MOTHER SUPERIOR ENDORSES MOTHER SUPERIOR ENDORSES

CHICAGO, January 13, 1900.

"We have had several good opportunities to notice the value of Warner's Safe Cure for kidney troubles, having used it here with most satisfactory results. While its action is mildly stimulating to a sluggish system, it is very soothing and healing in effect. I am glad to endorse a remedy which I believe is all and more than is claimed for it."

SISTER MARY BASILLA.

Sister Mary Basilla is Superior of the Convent of the Annunciation, corner Washington and Hermitage streets, Chicago.

A GREAT REMEDY A GREAT REMEDY A GREAT REMEDY

NEWARK, N. J., January 25, 1900.

"For nearly three years I suffered from kidney and liver troubles and had given up hope that I would ever be cured. I was told by the doctors that I had Bright's Disease, and he thought I was incurable. My legs swelled up so with dropsy that I thought I was done for. A friend told me to use Warner's Safe Cure and I did. I used in all about six bottles. It is a great remedy and made me a new man."

PATRICK KELLY.

Patrolman of the First Precinct, City of Newark.

WARNER'S SAFE CURE WARNER'S SAFE CURE WARNER'S SAFE CURE

Free medicine advice on application to Warner's Safe Cure Co., Rochester, N. Y.

Prosecuting Attorney Wm. Klingler is seriously ill, confined to his bed, and Judge Cunningham has therefore appointed J. C. Ridenour to assist him in the prosecution of the Shugro case.

Cows For Sale—Two No. 1 Family Cows, just fresh. Enquire at No. 531 North Elizabeth street. \$41*

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist Church, meet at the home of Mrs. D. Heffner, 134 west Wayne street, on Friday afternoon, March 2, at half-past two. It is very necessary every member should be present. MRS. ANDREWS, President. MRS. BRADLEY, Secretary.

MAKING A HEAVY GUN.

Takes Longer Than the Construction of the Ship That Carries It.

Mr. W. J. Gordon sketches Woolwich arsenal in the Leisure Hour. Among a host of interesting descriptions may be selected here what he says about the making of a gun: "In their early stages these guns are unexpectedly long and slender things, owing to their being without the coils and jackets that build them up to such bulkiness. They look their longest during their wiring, that modern process which enabled us to reduce the bulk of the gun so much that the podgy Woolwich infants have developed into graceful boys. There is something startling in finding a gun being treated like a bat-handle, the only difference being that instead of waxed thread you wind on a thin flat strip of steel having a breaking strain of 160 tons to the square inch, and wind this on in several layers instead of one. The gun revolves in a lathe as the cricket-bat does, but much more slowly, and in place of the wooden spool of thread there stands, at right angles to it, a huge iron reel, from which the ribbon or wire, as it is called, which is about a quarter of an inch wide, is wound on spirally at high tension, the spirals being knocked up tight to each other with a punch whenever they fail to wind on closely together. The gun is thus wrapped with literally miles of wire, mostly in the region of the powder chamber. Over the wire jacket come the hoops of cast steel cut out of ingots as disks, and forged into rings just a trifle smaller than the finger they are to fit; and when these are finished they are one by one, for there are many of them, heated just enough to expand them, and slipped over the gun to shrink and grip it as they cool, the gun being upright at the time, with a stream of water flowing through its bore to keep the temperature down. In this way wiring is all hidden, and the gun looks as though it were built up entirely of those massive hoops, as it used to be. The lathe work and other operations necessitated by all this may be imagined, and we cease to wonder why it takes longer to make a heavy gun than it does to build the ship that carries it."

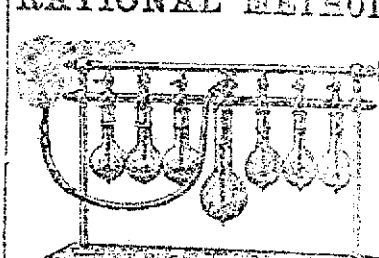
There is only one drawback that can possibly attend the taking of dogs on war expeditions, and that is that they may bark when a night surprise is intended; but even this does not apply when due precautions are taken, and in recent campaigns the presence of favorite dogs of officers has been repeatedly referred to. In the German army a great number of dogs are trained in connection with the ambulance corps. At the command "Seek," and a gesture indicating some point of the compass, they start off, and when they come across one of the men specially lying down in imitation of the wounded, they take up his cap, helmet or handkerchief and bring this back to the ambulance men, whom they lead back to the spot. These dogs were a striking part of the show at the last maneuvers.

Cured in One Night. Charles H. Connelley, Esq., leading lawyer of York, Pa., says: "Your Brazilian Baln cured me of one of the worst colds I ever experienced, in one night. I think it the greatest medicine in the market, and you can use my name any day you like."

JONES & BERRY CO., PROPRIETORS, CHICAGO. Sole Agents in Lima, Pa. J. W. & A. H. B. Pharmacy, Old P. O. Corner.

Catarrhal Diseases

PERMANENTLY CURED BY A RATIONAL METHOD.



The New Treatment that Cures by Destroying the Germs that Produce Catarrh.

CATARRH

Is a disease from which almost every person is liable to suffer. It is a disease of the bladder, ureters, and kidneys, and is caused by the growth of germs in the urinary organs. It is a disease which is incurable unless it is treated by a rational method.

DYSPEPSIA.

After Catarrh once gets into the system, dyspepsia soon follows, with Liver, Stomach, Heart and Kidney troubles.

CONSUMPTION.

Catarrh also extends down the Urinary tract, causing Bronchitis, Asthma and finally, on reaching the lungs, consumption, which quickly develops. All these troubles can be cured if taken in time by remedying the cause, which is Catarrh.

NERVOUS DEBILITY.

A catarrhal affection of the Kidneys and Urinary organs may thus result in the production of Nervous Debility, which is a very serious and dangerous condition.

Dr. Stockdale cures these diseases and restores all diseased organs to a normal condition. Consultation and TRIAL TREATMENT FREE to all who apply for office.

Hours: 9 to 11 a.m., 2 to 6 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sundays: 10 to 12 m.

B. A. Stockdale, M.D., Rooms 5 and 6 Opera House Bldg., LIMA, O. New Phone 345.

WANTED.

WANTED—A competent woman to help with a couple of children. Good wages to be paid. Enquire at one of Mrs. F. M. Allen, corner Pierce and Market streets.

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Family of three and no washing. Call at 15 south Metcalf street.

WANTED—At the Hotel Normal, a trustworthy reliable woman for second cook, good wages.

WANTED—Active, reliable agent in every town to handle an established article of trade. The best known, latest terms. Write for particulars to James A. O'Brien, 25 south High street, Columbus, Ohio.

FOR RENT—Seven room house with good well and system. Enquire at 726 north Union street.

FOR SALE—Unredeemed goods. We have on a large stock of unredeemed goods left on our hands, such as diamonds, watches, jewelry, rings, bicycles, and other household goods. These goods will be sold cheap to pay charges.

COPES AND LOAN OFFICE, 107 E. Wayne Street.

NEW mantle, carpets, rugs and druggists. Also a steam radiator and household goods at Reel's, 210 east Market street.

FOR SALE—A steam heater suitable for residence of ten or twelve rooms. Also a steam radiator. Enquire of G. S. Ventry, at Star Iron Works.

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JONES

HANNA

Men Won the Day.

Victory of Forakerites Is
Soon Reversed.

State Delegates Chosen

Were Republicans of the Hanna
Complexion.

Printed Ballots Were Provided By Boss
Hall's Crowd and the Foraker
Outfit Was Easily
Side Tracked.

The Republicans of Allen county met in delegate convention this morning for the purpose of selecting delegates to the congressional and state conventions. The convention was called to assemble in the assembly room at the court house and thither the delegates flocked at 10 o'clock this morning only to find school in session, and not desiring to again attempt to meddle with the public school affairs, they occupied the corridors until some one made arrangements for them to meet in the upper court room.

The convention was called to order by "Duke" Ward, chairman of the county central committee, who selected Don Henderson to officiate as temporary chairman and requested W. S. Mills to act as temporary secretary. Mills refused to serve, whereupon Ward called upon George Taylor, Republican candidate for city engineer, to accept that honor.

Mr. Henderson, after throwing a few stereotyped bouquets at the G. O. P., declared that although all of the members of the party could not always have their own way in everything, he was glad to know that the delegates had been selected in the manner that they had. He made apologies for the lack of harmony in the party and said he hoped that the convention would reduce its "frictions" to a common denominator and add them all together.

On account of the trains from the outlying districts being late, the convention decided to adjourn until 1 o'clock this afternoon in order to give all of the delegates time to reach the city and participate in the mix-up.

The first business taken up this afternoon was the forming of a permanent organization. A. J. Morris moved to make the temporary organization a permanent one and his motion was carried with an amendment making Albert Schwick, of Monroe township, assistant secretary.

The convention then proceeded to the selection of seven delegates and seven alternates to the state convention. Motion that the seven candidates receiving the largest number of votes be declared the delegates and the seven receiving the next highest number be declared the alternates was carried. The following were then nominated, the feature of the nominations being the nomination of George Hall by Bert Campbell—a case of Forakerite jollying a Hanna leader. The shock was so sudden and unexpected that Hall actually declined the honor.

Amos Feltz, of Monroe township; J. W. Mowen, Lima; C. V. Rumbaugh, Jackson; Amos Belch, Monroe; Monroe Davidson, Auglaize; Geo. Hall, Lima; Reuben White, Lima; J. H. M. Morrison, Lima; I. N. Pangle, Lima; M. J. Hostler, Delphos; Harry Johnson, Sugar Creek; M. A. Atmur, Lima; Charles Blatt, Lima; W. S. Mills, Lima; J. J. Guyer, Spencer; J. D. Muller, of Lima; William Edgcomb, Neward; Thos. H. Jones, Lima; J. N. Fletcher, Lima; Calvin Osborn, Lima.

The ballot resulted in the election of the following:
Delegates—Dr. M. Davidson, Harry Johnson, C. V. Rumbaugh, Charles Blatt, J. W. Mowen, I. N. Pangle, A. L. Belch.

Alternates—M. A. Atmur, W. S. Mills, Thos. H. Jones, M. J. Hostler, Reuben White, William Edgcomb, J. H. M. Morrison.

The Hanna crowd carried off the honors of the day. The bosses of that contingent were on hand with a supply of type-written tickets and the result was the selection of a delegation of decidedly Hanna complexion. The Forakerites brought up the rear, landing a few alternates who are riding on the

ammunition train, which boss Hall will probably endeavor to explode before they reach Columbus.

A 3 o'clock this afternoon, the convention was balloting for congressional delegates.

REMAINS

Of Trooper Jacob Siegrist Arrived
Home Today.

Funeral Services Conducted With Military
Honors at the Armory This
Afternoon.

The remains of Trooper Jacob Siegrist, the Lima boy who, while a member of the Eighth Ohio cavalry, met death in Puerto Principe, Cuba, over a year ago, arrived in the city over the D. & L. N. at noon today and were taken to the armory in charge of a guard of honor from Co. G. The funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock this afternoon by Chaplain R. J. Thomson, of the Second O. N. G., who was assisted by Rev. Land, German Reformed church. The services were beautiful and the scene was an impressive one, the casket containing the young trooper's remains standing forth upon the scene in bold relief, wrapped in the folds of Old Glory. Interment was made at 3 o'clock in Woodlawn cemetery.

STREET LOUNGER

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Higgins entertained a jolly crowd of Lima young people Tuesday night at their home, two miles east of the city, the party driving to the country home in a large wagon. The evening was devoted to dancing and at a seasonable hour a splendid luncheon was spread before the guests. Those in the party were: Misses Bertha Bates, Ella Crawford, Margaret and Anna Devine, Margaret Lehy, Julia Casey and Josephine White, and Messrs. John Stuy, Dan McSweeney, John Collier, John Sullivan, Albert Semittinger, Philip O'Connor, Patrick Kelly and W. H. McGrievy.

Kid McMullan, alias Harry Blair, a youth who has created for himself an enviable name among crooks, was taken from Quincy, Ill., to Chillicothe yesterday, where he will be tried for burglary. McMullan escaped from jail at Chillicothe about two years ago, but was recently shot by an officer at Quincy while trying to escape after burglarizing a store. He is now a helpless cripple and had to be carried from one train to another on a cot. At the time he was wounded his two pals were killed.

AT THE COURT HOUSE.

Philip Dasinger and Elizabeth Stiner, were married at the probate judge's office yesterday morning by Justice M. A. Atmur. The groom lives in Putnam county and his bride is a resident of Richland township.

ANOTHER DISPOSED OF.

Charles Hall, who pleaded guilty to petit larceny, was taken to the Mansfield reformatory yesterday, by Commissioner Burns.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

John H. Anderson, aged 29, farmer, and Louisa Herr, aged 28, both of Bluffton.

C. A. Negelsbach, aged 30, and Mattie Nieberger, aged 20, both of Lima.

IN PROBATE COURT.

An application was made yesterday for the appointment of a guardian for Anna and James Barrick, to further the interests of the estate in granting an oil lease. The latter is now in the Philippine islands.

WIFE IS DIVORCED.

Dessie Elcher was divorced from her husband yesterday by Judge Miller on the ground that her husband, Wm. E. Elcher is serving a term in the penitentiary. Attorney Bryan conducted the case on behalf of the plaintiff. She was restored to her maiden name, Dessie Hughes.

IS NOW A LAW.

Bill to Ditch Hog Creek was
Passed Today.

A telegram from Columbus today brings the information that the bill to ditch Hog Creek had passed both houses and is now a law.

GOOD

Men Are Chosen

As Members of Democratic
City Committee.

W. B. Richie, Chairman.

Action of the Republican Caucus
Denounced

In a Resolution Offered by W. L. Mackenzie—Tribute Paid to the Memory of William Pugh, Deceased.

In response to the call published in the Times-Democrat for a meeting of the Democrats of the city in the city council chamber last night a large turnout of representative members of the party was present when the caucus was called to order by Dr. D. H. Sullivan, chairman of the retiring Democratic city central committee. Dr. Sullivan briefly announced the purpose of the meeting and called for the selection of a temporary chairman. John H. Klatte was elected and J. W. Beall was chosen temporary secretary. The selection of members for a new city central committee was proceeded with immediately with the following result:

First Ward, A—M. J. Sullivan.
First Ward, B—J. D. Armstrong.
Second Ward—Ed. Morarity.
Third Ward, A—B. C. Reed.
Third Ward, B—Wilbur Fisk.
Fourth Ward, A—Charles Keller.
Fourth Ward, B—Ed. McGrievy.
Fourth Ward, C—L. N. McGuire.
Fifth Ward—M. L. Harrouff.
Sixth Ward, A—Andy Callahan.
Sixth Ward, B—James Pillars.
Seventh Ward, A—W. B. Richie.
Seventh Ward, B—Elza DeWeese.

DON'T WAIT IT.

Immediately after the reports were received from the various precinct caucuses, W. L. Mackenzie, addressed the meeting concerning the action taken by the Republican caucus on the preceding night, by which it was proposed to change the system of selecting members of the Board of Education. Mr. Mackenzie stated that for about twenty years the city's public education institutions had been managed under the supervision of non-partisan boards and in opposition to the action of the Republican caucus, he offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a unanimous vote:

"Resolved, by the Democracy of the city of Lima in convention assembled, that in our judgment, the School Board should be kept out of politics, and the present system retained."

TRIBUTE TO WM. PUGH.

Before the meeting adjourned, W. B. Richie moved to appoint a committee of three members of the party present, to prepare resolutions of respect to the memory of William Pugh, deceased, for his virtues as a venerable, worthy citizen, a veteran Democrat and a faithful public official. The motion passed with a unanimous yeas and chairman Klatte appointed Messrs. W. L. Mackenzie, J. C. Ridenour and U. M. Shappell to constitute the committee.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZED.

The members of the new city central committee, met immediately after the adjournment of the mass meeting and organized by electing the following officers:

President—W. B. Richie.
Vice President—James Pillars.
Secretary—J. D. Armstrong.
Treasurer—Wilbur Fisk.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Charles DeVoe and Will Foltz, left yesterday afternoon for Rochester, N. Y., where they will accept positions in the B. R. & P. R. shops, under master mechanic, James Barbydt, formerly of this city.

Mr. Phillip Wolf left Tuesday night on the 9:30 train to accept a position at Pittsburgh.

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HELD

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about 75 passengers on board, got stuck in a drift between Perrysburg and Toledo, and three engines were sent to its relief. The north Lima yards are full of freight which cannot be moved until conditions change. Show troupes are way-laid on all roads, and have been unable to make their dates. A telegram to the dispatchers office from Dayton asked what had become of "Through the Breakers" which was to appear this afternoon. The reply was sent back, "They are not through them yet."

Conditions on the Pittsburg and L. E. & W. roads are much the same, passenger trains being delayed from one to five hours. The Pittsburg is also suffering from broken wires, several having gone down east and west of Lima. The trouble is mostly at Chicago where a heavy snow storm with freezing temperature has been prevailing. The limited, due here at 10:45 reached Lima at 12:57 as a double header. It was necessary to annul two of the local freights. The advance weather report does not offer any relief for tomorrow.

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OIL MARKET.

At present, Marion is the mecca for oil men. That city is rapidly forging to the front as the leading oil center of the state. Oil producers claim for her a prosperous future, as they consider it so located that it will be one of the closest points to the center of production. This is accounted for by the fact that the famous gas belt will be short lived and that an oil field will be made of the now most productive gas field in this country. The lines now used to convey gas to Chicago and other cities will be turned into oil lines and with but little expense, oil can be run to refineries in Chicago or vicinity. One well was recently completed on the Wiggers farm just east of Marion, which attracted much attention. And since then lessors have been traveling the country in all directions in quest of territory to drill.

Grant county does not lead in operations at the present time yet she is holding down second place in good shape with prospects of forging ahead of Wells Co., which has taken the lead since the great Indiana field was opened up.

Oil men are coming to this field from the eastern fields of Pennsylvania, from Ohio and West Virginia with an idea that it is a good place for investment and at present it looks as though they were correct in their views as the Indiana field is certainly drifting into one of the leading fields of the United States.

The Alexandria district is world wide famed, in fact no other district ever attracted the attention of all oil producers as did that of the Alexandria pool. Many business men there lost their heads and made bad investments. A well there, known as the Carver well has a history. When it was drilled it flowed at the rate of 1200 barrels a day, and as tankage was lacking oil was knee deep for several hundred feet around. There is an interesting story connected with the field in the Alexandria district. A young man was engaged to drive an oil well outfit across the country to a prospect, he had but little idea where the location was when he started out, but he drove west out of the oil field. On the second day of his drive he stopped his team at a small ford. While the horses were drinking he noticed some seum on the water. Thinking that it was oil he stopped and after a couple of hours work with the farmer he had the first lease on

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WAPAK OIL NEWS.

August Johns No. 1 in section 35, Moulton township, about one mile west of Wapakoneta, was drilled in yesterday by the Owl Creek Oil Co., and proved a duster.

Francis Kohler No. 3 drilled by Rand & Company, in same section, was shot this morning and made a good showing. It is estimated at 35 barrels.

Roberts No. 2 in section 18 Duchouquet township 2 1/2 miles north of Wapakoneta, has a rig up and drilling will be started in a few days. Lineman, Shaw & Settlage are operating this lease.

RAILROAD NOTES.

Passenger agent Frank Burkhardt, who somewhat recently succeeded James Burch at the local office of the L. E. & W., has made a most excellent showing for the past month and one which cannot help but place him further in the good graces of the company. The business of the Lima office, counting the gross receipts, is 58 per cent larger than the same month a year ago, while the coupon sales has increased to the astonishing figures of 285 per cent greater than in February of last year.

RED-HEADED GIRLS.

And there is no girl in the world prettier than a red-haired Italian or Spaniard, except it be a red-haired American.

The Turks are a light-haired, blue-eyed race, and their children are everywhere scattered about Asia and northern Africa.

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In a similar manner the Norsemen, who invaded Sicily centuries ago and intermarried with the inhabitants, left descendants with gleaming brain thatches.

Red-haired Italians are fairly numerous in Italy. They are most numerous in the northern provinces, where there is the greatest infusion of German blood.

Where there aren't any red-haired girls by nature—as among the Moors and Arabs—the glowing locks are commonest of all. The women all dye their jetty tresses to a most lovely red with henna.

In Ireland a red-haired girl is made miserable by being called a "Dane." This epithet is a legacy of a thousand years or more—from the time when the Danes actually did override the coasts of Britain.

The so-called lark races are frequently glorified by glowing locks. The Spaniards are swarthy as a race, but the purest-blooded Castilians frequently show traces of their Visigothic



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Legal Notice.

Willis Copeland, whose place of residence is unknown, will take notice that on the 24th day of February, 1900, the plaintiff, Mattie Copeland filed her petition, case number 141 in the Probate Court of Allen County, Ohio, praying for divorce from said on the grounds of willful absence and that said cause will be for hearing on and after the 24th day of April, 1900.

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Each 15 pound gun weighs 9,780 pounds and costs \$9,000. It is 15 feet long, mounted stationary, and has no carriage. This type of gun has been officially adopted by the United States as the standard for coast defense. According to the new plan of defense, the smaller guns, 6 pounders, are mounted near water level, with the larger guns above them, says the Los Angeles Times. In this way torpedo boats sent in time of war into a harbor to explode defending mines could be reached by the smaller guns, which even behind a parapet are mounted on field carriages, attached by a V shaped anchor to bolts in the gun-ortery. When the ships of war followed, the big 15 pounders above would come into action.

If it becomes necessary to concentrate the smaller guns upon a given point or to remove them to the beach, their anchorage chains could be slipped, making them practically field-pieces, which could be held to any desired position by a spade at the foot of the carriage.

X RAYS FOR CANCER.

California Physician, It Is Believed, Has Been Cured.

Dr. J. M. Selfridge of Oakland, after suffering from cancer of the face for 25 years, has been cured, it is believed, by the X rays.

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THEIR WORRIES.

She met him at the door and frowned. Her heart was full of woe; She was a child of trouble, and She freely told him so. The gown that she had hoped to wear Would not be done that night. She fretted, and she fumed, and there Were tears that blurred her sight.

She wanted him to sympathize; Alas, the man sat down As though there were no such thing as An uncompleted gown. He merely gazed away at space And twirled his thumbs, nor saw The bitter tears that streaked her face Nor seemed to care a straw.

She left the soulless wretch and threw herself upon her bed And mourned that she was treated so And wished that she were dead. "Ah, men are selfish brutes," she sighed, "Who neither think nor care!" And with a breaking heart, she cried "Twas more than she could bear."

He sat and twirled his thumbs and looked At something far away: Tomorrow there would be a note They'd call on him to pay. A rose for thousands more than he Could hope to steal or buy. Up stairs, alone, mistreated, she Kept pouring out her sorrow — E. E. Hiser in Chicago Times Herald.

The Major's Story

A Young Surgeon in the Taffir War Showed the White Feather Under Fire. But There Was a Good Reason.

BY MAJOR ARTHUR GREIFFITS.

It happened 50 years ago, when the north and eastern frontiers of the colony were perpetually harassed by the Kaffirs. We little realize nowadays the constant irritation and trouble that prevailed in places where there are now railways and a settled population. The employ as their servants descendants of the very men who were for ever at war with us. Things were so bad that the natives had at one time sent up the governor of the colony, Sir Harry Smith, in a small boat, from which he only cut himself out after a daring hand to hand fight. Thus it was after he had gone out in force with about 1,500 men to overawe the turbulent tribes and get very much the worst of it.

At this time, about the end of 1850, there were quite 15,000 Kaffirs in the field against us, and 10,000 more were on the point of joining them under Krela, an influential chief of very doubtful loyalty.

I have often heard my father tell of the terrible state of things that prevailed throughout the north of the colony. The whole district was perpetually devastated by marauding Kaffirs. The savages overran the country as far as Somerset and even farther to Grahamstown, sweeping up all the cattle, sheep and horses they could find and committing the most frightful atrocities. In a few months as many as 200 farmhouses were burned to the ground, and large quantities of bread and corn, with other farm produce, had been wantonly destroyed. So serious was the situation that the settlers formed themselves into a defense association, and the governor appointed a solemn day of humiliation in the English and Dutch churches. At the same time a body of troops was collected at Grahamstown, supported by regiments recently arrived from England, and a serious campaign was undertaken against the Amatola mountains, which the enemy were said to be holding in force.

My father's regiment was the —th. They had been in the colony for a couple of years and more or less continually engaged in all the recent fighting, and they knew what determined enemies they had to deal with. We are apt to forget nowadays when the Kaffirs are peaceful fellow colonists what fierce fighters they were. My father thought them one of the finest savage races in the world. We have seen and heard so much since then of the Zulus, a hundred times that we are apt to forget what formidable opponents the Kaffirs were in those early wars—men of magnificent physique and undaunted courage, armed with the terrible assegais, which they wielded with great skill, hurling them with accurate aim and incredible force to great distances, and when at close quarters stabbing with the cruel broad blade that was more than a match for the bayonet. They had firearms, too, and had learned to handle the musket with good aim and precision, while, although their tactics were essentially of a loose order, suitable to their rugged bush country, they had a certain cohesion and discipline imparted to them by brethren who had served in the local Cape corps.

It was about June 24, 1851, that General Somerset moved forward into Kaffirland from Fort Hare with a force of 2,000 men—horse, foot, guns and irregulars—destined to attack the Amatolas. What followed let my father tell in his own words:

"The night before the column marched a new officer joined our regiment and reported himself for duty. He came straight to the colonel's mess, which was no more than a campfire in the open, on which bubbled a steaming kettle of soup and around which, 'tinted' in hand, were squatted the colonel, the senior major and myself, the junior."

"Some one to see you, sir," said the orderly, introducing a figure wrapped in a great blanket coat, but still shivering in the keen night air.

"What can I do for you?" asked the colonel, a little offhand, for he was sharp set and did not want to miss his share of the soup.

"I have come to join, sir, Assistant Surgeon Julian, landed last week and ordered to join headquarters as soon as I could." All this was said in a rather

thin treble voice, no doubt made weaker by the nervousness of the situation. "Well, you are welcome enough. We expect to be engaged tomorrow or next day, and there's no saying how many of us may not be hit. Here, Granville—this was the adjutant, who also belonged to the colonel's daughter mess—take him over to the surgeon. Have you had any grub?"

"The newcomer confessed that he had not tasted food that day, and he was immediately made hospitably welcome to a share in the contents of the camp kettle. After that he took him to the regimental hospital tent."

"The regiment marched off next morning or, as it seemed to me, in the middle of the night. We formed up on parade in perfect silence, the words of command, issued in a whisper, passed on from mouth to mouth, and the column, starting noiselessly, at once commenced the ascent of some very steep ground. By daylight we had reached a ridge from which the enemy's position was visible, and already a brisk skirmish had commenced between them and our advance guard. It had been a stiff, steep climb, and none of us was sorry to halt and rest upon the ridge. Casting my eyes around, I soon discovered our newly joined 'sawbones' in the center of a group of laughing, chaffing youngsters, who were treating him after their fashion as a Johnny Raw."

"He looked in truth a raw, half formed, ill-clothed youth, younger than I, age, which must have been two or three and twenty, or he could not have got his diploma. His figure was very slight and fragile, his face perfectly smooth, with a clear, fresh complexion. He had a shy and shrinking manner, and I could plainly see that it was pain and anguish to him to be made the butt of his barbed comrades."

"What is the use of sending out a whippersnapper of a chap like you? You'd hardly have the pluck to amputate the leg of a dy," I heard one subaltern say as I drew near."

"Wait till you're under Dr. Miss Mary," added another.

"Stay behind with the hospital scratcher; that's my straight tip, Mary," cried a third, and the rest, etc., etc., the epithet, a chorus of voices began to sing 'Miss Mary,' quite contrary, how does your garden grow?"

"Come, come, young gentlemen," I protested sharply. "Leave Mr. Julian alone. He may claim some of you yet when there's real work to be done. Anyhow he's a newcomer and should be better treated."

"The tents gathered in the dark, and eyes of the hunted young doctor as they were turned gratefully to mine, and I saw that he wanted to press my hand. But at that moment the order came to fall in. We moved across the ridge to its edge, found a steep descent, dropped down and began to breast another rise, which we were soon unpleasantly reminded was strongly occupied by the enemy. There here became intensely hot, and, although we opened out at once into skirmishing order, many men were struck down as we still pressed on to the attack, the men taking advantage of the rocks and trees and any cover they could find."

"There was rather a check, and the colonel sent me to bring up a couple of supporting companies to re-enforce the fighting line. My mission took me back over the ground we had crossed, where our casualties lay thick and wounded, and I found our surgeon, an old campaigner, and his first assistant busily tending the wounded."

"If you see my second, major, hurry him up," cried the surgeon. "There's work and enough for all hands now. I sent him to the rear to prepare the field hospital, but he ought to be here now."

"I looked about for Julian and found him—where do you suppose? Behind a great boulder, crouching all of a heap, with his head buried in his hands and sobbing aloud in a wild paroxysm of woe."

"Julian," I said very quietly, laying my hand upon his shoulder, 'this won't do. I see what is wrong with you—others have been through it before you—the first time under fire'—"

"It's not that, sir; not that. I have no tears for myself. I'd face it all and worse to save the rest. But the blood, the slaughter, the sudden, awful death—"

"There must be an end of such nonsense," I cried angrily. "Changing my tone, 'You must pull yourself together, young fellow. There is work for you in front there. The others want you, your colleagues, the wounded. Up now, be off with you.'"

"He rose to his feet at my words with a start; one last shudder, an uncontrollable spasm, as it were, of the agony he had endured, swept over him, and then he ran forward at full speed."

"I saw no more of him till the end of the day, and then only for a moment, for the casualties had been many; the hospital was full, and the surgeons were excessively busy. I heard only good of young Julian. His chief spoke of him with enthusiasm as a most skillful operator, with marvelous dexterity and lightness of touch. As for his momentary weakness, akin to the well known 'stage fright,' but infinitely worse, no one knew of it. That painful episode was kept a close secret between us."

"But he had not forgotten it nor what I had done for him, on which he would insist with exaggerated insistence. A few days later he came to me with a pretty hoop ring, which he urgently asked me to accept."

"It is not much. But it was my mother's, and I should like you to wear it in 'memory of your exceedingly kindness, sir.'"

"I told him I would do nothing of the kind, and I believe I swore at him as a silly, sentimental young ass. "He kept the ring because I obliged him to do so, but he would harp still upon my kindness and declared that he

would live only to show his gratitude some day, somehow. He got his chance, as I tell you."

"The dislodgment of the Kaffirs from the Amatolas was one of our earliest actions. It was followed by a series of operations toward the Kei river, among which the worst was the storming of the Waterkloof, which was tried three times. On the first and successful assault we were badly engaged, and I fell, fully believing when I was hit that it was all over with me and that I had lost the number of my mess. While I lay there helpless, with a wound in my thigh, the wave of attack rolled on a bit, and I faltered from loss of blood. When I came to myself, Julian was leaning over me, anxiously watching me with great, dark, wistful eyes."

"Don't speak," he said directly I opened mine. 'You are all right. I have taken up the artery and dressed a tourniquet. It is only a question of patience. They'll pick you up by and by.'"

"But you must not stay by me," I protested. "Go on after the regiment at once. I order you."

"And the colonel ordered me to remain here with you," he answered briefly. "It's not because I am afraid."

"It was not indeed, as he soon showed beyond all doubt. For although the fight had swept away beyond us, fugitives, or broken parties of Kaffirs, began to drop back, and we were suddenly attacked by half a dozen savages who were lurking among the trees."

"Give me your revolver," said Julian. "I can use it."

"They were not very common in those early days, and it was fortunate I had one. But for that revolver and the splendid use Julian made of it I should never have been able to tell this story. When they resumed a little later, there were four dead Kaffirs within range, and a trail of blood showed where a fifth had limped wounded away. But Julian had not escaped. He had one assegai in his arm and was pinned to the ground by another in his leg. They were flesh wounds, happily, and soon healed. I, too, recovered after a time."

"That is my father's story, and"—The major here stopped abruptly, as though he had said his say, but his listeners were by no means satisfied.

"Go on, man, go on; surely that's not all?"

"It's not quite all my father told me, nor, indeed, all that I know. The rest is rather personal, and I'm not sure—Well, you must—here goes: They had of course, to take Julian to hospital, and it was there that a most extraordinary discovery was made. The young assistant surgeon was a female. You may take that curious fact as explaining much that had happened and all that eventually came to pass, for my father married her shortly afterward and left the service."—Navy and Army Illustrated.

Leather Belting.

The average life of first class leather belting, running indoors and under ordinary conditions, is ten years. Belts subjected to acid fumes would last a much shorter time than that, and, on the other hand, in especially favoring circumstances a belt might last much longer. There was taken down in New York not long ago a leather belt that had been running 24 years. This, however, was something unusual.

As is the case with pretty much everything that is made and sold, leather belting may be bought secondhand, the secondhand belts coming into the market naturally enough through the refitting of factories, through the substitution of belts of one width for those of another, and so on. Secondhand belts that have not been much used sell for not very much less than new belts. Their price decreases, of course, according to the wear to which they have been subjected. When a leather belt ceases to be useful as a belt, it is likely to be sold to be cut up into boot heels, what there is left of it after that going to the scrap heap.—New York Sun.

Made Her Account Good.

It was only a dainty little note from a woman depositor, but it caused a gentle ripple of excitement among the accountants and tellers of an up town bank. The institution caters to women, and the president has often remarked that the women depositors were in some respects more careful in their business methods than the men.

A few days ago the discovery was made that the account of one of the women depositors had been overdrawn a few dollars. The usual notification in such cases was sent to the depositor, with the request that the account be made good. A prompt and polite reply was received from the delinquent. She apologized for the overdraft, thanked the bank officers for informing her of the fact so courteously and inclosed her check on the same bank for the amount of the overdraft. It is needless to say that an explanatory note was sent to this depositor reminding her that an overdraft was not a credit to be drawn upon.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Her Pipes.

A Lewiston girl who has never tasted the weed and who dislikes the smell of a much smoked pipe has one of the most remarkable collections of tobacco pipes in the state. She began to collect them when she was a little girl and has kept up the sad little now she has a wonderful variety of them. And what is more she has sent them around the world for great men to smoke. She has one that was smoked by Bismarck, one by the Prince of Wales, and her pipes, which are all new when she buys them, have been smoked by many great men in America. When her girl friends gather at her house, she brings out her pipes to display and will not show them to strangers. She fears notoriety, but really her collection is remarkable.—Kennebec Journal.

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A PLUNGE TO DEATH.

SAM PATCH'S FANOUS JUMP OVER THE GENESSEE FALLS.

The Last of a Sensational Series of Darling Feats Which Might Have Resulted Differently Had For a Bottle of Brandy.

Nov. 13, 1894, Sam Patch lost his life in jumping from a scaffold 25 feet above the brink of the Genessee falls into the abyss below. He undertook to jump in all a distance of 125 feet. Of course the whole population of Rochester as well as the farmers from neighboring villages were upon the scene. The fame of Patch had for several weeks been a topic of conversation among the early settlers.

Patch was born in Rhode Island in 1807. Soon after he removed to Patterson, N. J., at which place in 1827 he was seized with the jumping mania. After giving several daring exhibitions in New Jersey he decided to try his luck at Niagara falls two years later. In October, 1827, he jumped from a shivering rock between Goat Island and the gurgling waters many feet below. A few days later he startled the natives by jumping from the old Fitzhugh street bridge at dawn. He swam under the water to a convenient hiding place, where he had much amusement in watching several boats crowded with people dragging far his body. They were startled when he called merrily to them, joking them for their wasted efforts in his behalf.

On another morning he started a Rochester lad by jumping from the brink of the falls to the rapids below. If Patch had not reassured the boy, he would have had half of the population of Rochester dragging the water for his dead body.

With such a record it is no wonder that on the morning of Nov. 13 all the muddy roads leading to Rochester were thronged with people desirous of seeing the wonderful jumper. Even if farmers were unusually busy in securing the last of their harvests they found time to take a day or two off in order to witness the feats of Sam Patch. Several boats brought hundreds of visitors in holiday attire from Canada, Oswego and Lewiston. Buffalo, Canandaigua and Batavia were almost depopulated on account of the exodus to Rochester. The few taverns in the city turned guests away, and many had to camp out overnight.

Notwithstanding the raw, cold weather or throngs of spectators lined the banks below the falls. Although Sam said he did not feel the cold weather, he was pleased to fortify himself with a drink of brandy tendered to him by his friend, William Cochrane. Several of the spectators contributed a unique uniform. Dressed in white trousers, decorated with a black silk handkerchief tied around his body, surmounted by a light woollen jacket and skullcap, Sam must have presented a grotesque appearance.

After taking another drink from the flask Sam made the following speech to the thousands of breathless spectators: "Napoleon was a great man and a great general. He conquered armies, and he conquered nations. But he couldn't jump the Genessee falls. Wellington was a great man and a great soldier. He conquered armies, and he conquered nations, and he conquered Napoleon, but he couldn't jump the Genessee falls. That was left for me to do, and I can do it and will."

Although Sam Patch could jump the Genessee falls when he was sober, he could not do it when he felt the effects of the brandy. Owing to this fact he met his death when he took the jump. When the thousands of silent and hor-

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Not Up on Stocks.

"Shakespeare may have thought he knew it all when he said, 'There's a tide in the affairs of men that, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; but he didn't know anything about the stock market,'" growled the shareholder who had loaded up at the height of prices, only to be wiped out at the deep, low ebb.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Banister on Crutches.

The Junior festivities opened at the park in Ithaca, N. Y., the other night with a performance given by the "Crutches and Banister" company. The title of the play was "Banister and Company." It was a comedy, and the play was a success. Banister, who took the part of Hamlet, was one of those injured by a fall that he had a few days ago and had not sufficiently recovered from his injury to enable him to appear without crutches. This fact, says the New York Sun, did not mar the success of the play, but, on the contrary, made it all the more humorous.

A Facetious Canadian Editor.

The Toronto Globe doesn't take the proposed Fenian invasion of Canada very seriously. "Arms," it says, "have been stored at Omaha for some time. Fenian raid of 1866? That is the latest of it—that we are to be the targets of guns 23 years old, while in South Africa the very latest and smartest things in guns are in common use. Nothing so mortifying to the national pride has happened since it was suggested that our flourishing lake ports were to be bombarded by that flailing woodshed, the Yantic."

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Recall the Signature. "Do you ever see snakes?" asked the Chicago man, as he filled his glass from the decanter.

"Never," replied the man from Boston. "But I have occasion hallucinations occasionally."—Chicago News.

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A French officer has invented an acetylene searchlight which can be carried by one man, and which will illuminate everything within a distance of 100 yards. It is expected to be of great use in searching for the wounded after a battle and in bridge burning at night.

"I think I would go crazy with pain were it not for Chamberlain's Pain Balm," writes Mr. W. H. Stapleton, Hernimite, Pa. "I have been afflicted with rheumatism for several years and have tried remedies without number, but Pain Balm is the best medicine I have got hold of." One application relieves the pain. For sale by all druggists.

From the Philadelphia North American: "O'Hara's bekummin' lit-ry." "How's that?" "Phin I shopped at his house this mornin' he was readin' the 'Days of Worrak,' be kiplin', wholl Mrs. O'Hara was doin' the day's wash."

"I have always used FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR cough medicine, and think it the best in the world," says Chas. Bender, a newsdealer of Erie, Pa. H. F. Vortkamp, cor. Main and North streets.

Rapid Paper Making. The art of paper making has reached the point where it is possible to cut down a growing tree and convert it into paper suitable for printing purposes within 24 hours.

Prussian Medicine. The price of medicine in Prussia is regulated by the state, a new price list being published every year.

Started New Hair

Hon. John H. Gardner, member Wyoming State Legislature from Beulah, Crook Co., in letter dated February 20, 1899, to the editor of the Times-Democrat, writes:

7 Sutherland Sisters

"According to agreement made in Salt Lake City, if my preparations proved a benefit to my bald head, I was to send you a testimonial. There is a fine growth of new hair started. Am not troubling any more with dandruff and that everything could hear of before I saw you, but received no benefit. You can use this if you wish. Please send me half-dozen bottles."

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VALIANT GEN. CRONJE.

Pen Picture of the Famous Boer "Commandant."

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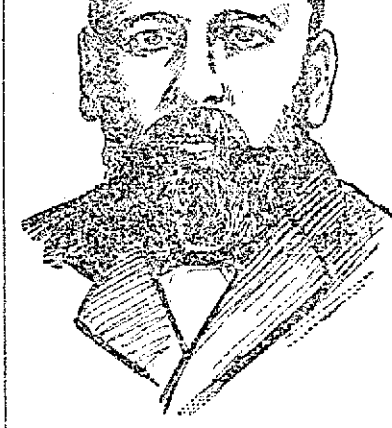
How He Herded the British into a Deathtrap at Doornkop—Genius For Strategy and Remarkable Determination Are His—In Times of Peace He is a Simple Barber.

While General Joubert is the cunning schemer of the Transvaal army, General Cronje, who has fought so valiantly with his brave comrades against the British at Paardeberg, is its rough and burly fighter. Of the two he is the more representative Boer. Joubert, possibly from his French ancestry, is a man of a certain polish and can be indirect when policy requires. Cronje is blunt and always to the point. His craft is that of the hunter and thinly disguises the force that awaits only the opportunity.

General Cronje is greatly admired by the Boers. They think Joubert is a wonderful tactician and organizer, but they love Cronje, the silent man, of sudden and violent action. He is no man's friend. His steel gray eyes peer out from under large, bushy brows. He never speaks unless necessary, and then in the fewest words. He never asks a favor. When time for action comes, he acts, and that with the force of fate and with no consideration for himself or his men, says the New York Herald.

That is the way he handled the Jameson raid. He saved the republic, in the opinion of the republic. He is a man after the Boer's own heart. Cronje is a soldier and nothing else.

He is as individual as Kruger, as strong in the faith of his own generalship as Joubert.



GENERAL P. A. CRONJE.

He hates form. He hates politics, though a born leader of men. He was strongly urged to oppose Kruger for the presidency in 1898, but he would not. He will have none of any rule but that of the rifle. He despises cities. He is a man of the field.

These two men, Joubert and Cronje, hold in their hands the fate of the Boer republics. The one is commander in chief, the other is second in command. Of Joubert we have heard much, of Cronje little. The most descriptive picture of Cronje is from the pen of Douglas Story, the editor of the late Boer newspaper, The Standard and Diggers News. It was published in the London Daily Mail of Oct. 30, and the following is an extract:

"Will and far-seeing as is Piet Joubert, no man of them all can handle troops in the field as Cronje. He has the eye of a hawk for position, the nose of a jackal for signs of weakness in an enemy. His maneuvering of Jameson was that of an Oliver Cromwell."

"Cronje was commander at Potchefstroom, 70 miles to the south of Krugersdorp, when Jameson crossed the border. He co-operated with Maken and Potgieter, but the conduct of the fight lay with the cool head of Cronje. "I rode out to the scene of Jameson's defeat some time after the battle and realized how much of the hunter there is still in the Boer fighting man. No mere soldier would have herded his enemy so patiently into a position as did Cronje into the fatal corral at Doornkop."

"All through the night succeeding Jameson's attack on Krugersdorp Cronje kept warily hustling his enemy into the place of death. The brave, foodless troopers, heavy with sleep, were driven like sheep into a shambles."

"When the morning broke, to the right, to the left and in front of them Boer marksmen kept their rifles trained upon the raiders. Escape there was none. But the battle was won in the night hours, while Jameson was helplessly blundering on in front of his remorseless enemy. Cronje could afford to wait until the troopers came within a hundred yards before he gave the mercy blow."

"And yet there was a time in the darkness when Jameson almost escaped from his hunters. Cronje's son was badly wounded in the early skirmish. For the moment the father's instinct overcame the general's discretion. He bore his boy back to Krugersdorp and left him with Dr. Viljoen there. It was a father's act, and one strangely unlike the rough farmer's exterior of the man who mastered Sir John Willoughby."

"The lesson learned that pitiful night dictated Cronje's courteous assurance to the defender of Mafeking that the Red Cross was safe from him and his."

"When Cronje was gone, somebody blundered, and the troopers to their blindness very nearly wandered round the flank of the defenders into safety. But it was not to be, and long ere daylight Cronje was back to repair the damage and arrange his final battle."

that drizzly, misty night inside Cronje a war god among the Boers. "And yet these still, cold men give little demonstration of their admiration. The Boers are not a grateful nation as the Americans with their Dewey or our British with our Kitchener are grateful. Days after the battle I saw Cronje riding heavily down the Kerk street in Pretoria, a heavy, big boned peasant upon a shaggy, tripping pony. No man touched his hat to him, few accosted him."

"And yet it is significant that Cronje among the Boers is always known as 'Commandant' Cronje. There is a rude dignity about the man that compels so much of respect. Other men are known by their Christian names—'Slim Piet' Joubert, 'Oom Christiaan' Joubert, 'Oom Jan' Hofmeyr, occasionally, but rarely nowadays, 'Oom Paul' Kruger. In a place apart stands 'Commandant' Cronje."

"So far as my memory carries, Cronje was not even specifically thanked by the volunteers for his great services to the state at Doornkop. He was a burgher; it was his duty to repel the invader. He repelled him, and there the matter rested. They would have censured him had he failed; they refrained from comment when he succeeded."

"Cronje, riding back to Pretoria, had no guard of honor to receive him, no great civic function to fetter him, no sword of honor to adorn him. He was plain, peasant Cronje, returning heavy hearted from his wounded son's pallid face in Krugersdorp hospital, somewhat weary in the bones from those long hours in the steaming saddle, nowise elated, nowise altered from his everyday demeanor."

"Since then Cronje has received a seat in the executive council and is now a personage with a substantial state salary, but the man is no way changed. He was thought to be a supporter of the president when he joined the executive council, but neither Kruger nor Joubert has found him amenable. He is not of the race that makes the party man."

"He is as individual as Kruger, as strong in the faith of his own generalship as Joubert."

AMERICAN POSTAL EXHIBIT.

Completely Equipped Postoffice Arranged For Paris Show.

George Beavers of the postal department, Washington, and also United States postal representative for the exposition of 1900, has arrived in Paris to look after special postal matters in connection with the exposition.

Mr. Beavers said recently to a representative of the New York Herald: "The French government has met us in the most generous way and given us every facility. We are bringing over an entire postal equipment, ranging from twelve to lock boxes. The exhibit will be a complete American postoffice and will be available for Americans coming to Paris during the exposition, of course including our officials. All that will be necessary for Americans to do in order to get letters from our office will be to address letters, 'United States Postal Station, Exposition, Paris, France.' This mail matter will be handled entirely by American postal clerks."

"We shall issue money orders and registered letters just as at home. We shall have the postal reststane, where Americans who have not taken boxes of their own may call and obtain their letters, but those who desire it may rent lock boxes, just as in any American postoffice. These boxes will present new features, keys being alibed and combination locks substituted. This may strike Parisians as an entire novelty, but at home any one renting a box can go at any time during the day or night and get his letters."

"Return mail to America will be managed entirely by our officials and go direct from the exposition grounds to steamers. All the articles and equipments used in connection with the postal exhibition have been contributed by American postal supply manufacturers. It will be in fact an American postoffice device exhibit."

New Chemical Substance.

Naixogen is the name of a newly discovered chemical, destined, its discoverer believes, to work wonders in the world of arts and sciences. Dr. Ernest Fabrik, chief of laboratories at the Commercial museums, Philadelphia, discovered and perfected the means of manufacturing the new compound. Not only as a chemical discovery—important because it opens a wider field for scientific research—but as a commercial product of value. It is an amorphous compound of aluminum—a crystalline substance, almost colorless in its crude state and taking brilliant hues when combined with various metals, says the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune. The new compound has two important properties—stringency making it valuable as a medicine in diphtheria and throat affections and the brilliant coloring of its compounds, which adapts it for dyeing purposes.

A Woman's Frank.

Mrs. Hannah B. French, who formerly lived with her nephew, Charles Myers, at Mountain Lock, near Sharpshurg, recently took up her residence in an unglazed house several miles up in the mountains, says a Hagerstown (Md.) dispatch to the New York World. She built a fire upon the hearth and then completely barricaded the doors and windows of the house with heavy timbers. To keep her from starving and freezing neighbors have been carrying food and wood to the house, but all efforts to have her abandon the place have been unsuccessful.

At the Paris Exposition.

An oil well rig from Parkersburg, W. Va., will be erected and operated at the Paris exposition.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

FARM-FIELD AND GARDEN

HOW TO GROW ASPARAGUS.

Valuable Items For the Market Grower and the Home Gardener.

Asparagus is one of those garden vegetables which are always of interest both to the private grower and the market gardener. A brief statement of the principal points in its culture at this season, when many are planning for new plantings in spring, is found appropriate by Vick's Magazine and is presented as follows: Not many years since the preparation of a piece of ground for raising asparagus, what with extra deep spading or trenching and filling the ground with a great amount of manure and bones, was considered a formidable undertaking, and consequently but small beds of the plant were cultivated, and the produce was considered as a luxury rather than a staple culinary vegetable. The more rational and simpler treatment that has since prevailed has caused the cultivation of this healthful vegetable to be greatly extended. Notwithstanding, but few private gardens of suburban residents and innumerable fewer of farm or country dwellers produce the crop, and the large markets demand a greater supply than they receive.

The different varieties in cultivation under different names are all of the same species, the differences in character being the result of peculiar soils and culture and of breeding and selection. With good culture one may be sure of good results with any of them. Plants are easily raised from seeds, and those who so desire can produce their own plants by sowing the seeds early in spring in a piece of free, friable, rich soil, sowing the seeds in drills about 12 inches in depth and the rows 15 or 18 inches apart. Sow the seeds thinly as much or two apart. To get strong plants about half of them should be thinned out so they will stand two or three inches apart. Hoe or cultivate and keep the ground clean through the season. Good 1-year-old plants of one's own raising are, on the whole, the most desirable for planting out, but if one buys plants, and especially if they have to be brought from a distance, experience has shown that strong 2-year plants are more reliable than younger ones.

A light soil will produce a crop earlier in the season than a heavy one, and the market grower should, if possible, avail himself of this fact. However, any good garden soil, if properly cultivated, will produce good asparagus. In the case of a market gardener intending to plant a considerable area he should select ground that has been under clean cultivation and that is free from weeds and weed seeds. In the fall preceding planting the land can be plowed deep and left in a rough state during winter. Early in spring or as soon as the ground is in suitable condition to work give a heavy dressing of old, well rotted stable manure and plow it in. Harrow the surface until it is smooth and fine; then with a plow open fur

THE BUSY STORE! THE BUSY STORE!

The choice of any Jacket in our store tomorrow for \$3.00 and each succeeding day until the tenth day of March, the prices will be reduced twenty-five cents on each garment, if not all sold before that date.

THE METELLUS THOMSON
DRY GOODS CO.

DEATH

Relieves the Sufferings

Of William Pugh, the Veteran
Ice Dealer Yesterday.

Died at Five O'clock Last Evening, From
the Attack of Pneumonia—Death
at the Hospital.

William Pugh, the venerable citizen, whose serious illness was mentioned by the TIMES-DEMOCRAT yesterday, died at his home, 905 east High street, at 5 o'clock last evening, death resulting from the attack of pneumonia which he contracted while he was en route to Detroit about two weeks ago to take charge of the remains of his son, John Pugh, who was killed in an accident on the D. & L. N. R. R. Arrangements for the funeral services have not been completed and will be announced tomorrow. The announcement of Mr. Pugh's death is the source of sadness in many Lima homes. The deceased was a worthy citizen whose untiring energy and industry made him one of the foremost of Lima's business men and public officials.

William Pugh was born in Newtown, Montgomeryshire, Wales, and was 66 years of age. He came with his family to America in 1857, settling at Gomer where he followed the business of shoemaker. In 1878 he came to Lima and engaged in the stone business. Later he started Pugh's ice company which he conducted for a number of years. He again engaged in the stone and lime business with which he was still connected when called home. He is survived by five children: Mrs. Joseph Jones, Charles, George, Mary and Lizzie Pugh. His wife preceded him to the other world and two sons have passed away since her death.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

At a meeting of the Democrats of the city of Lima, in convention assembled, held in the city of Lima, O., on the 28th day of February, 1900, it was unanimously carried that as a fitting testimonial of the esteem of our late fellow citizen, William Pugh, deceased, the following resolutions were duly passed:

WHEREAS, death has removed from our midst one of Lima's most upright, honest, tried and true men in William Pugh, who died on this day. Therefore be it

Resolved: That in the times passed, as the late William Pugh has always responded to any and all calls upon him by his fellow townsmen to serve the people or otherwise and in all his walks of life as a public officer or private citizen, he has always served with honesty and fidelity in every capacity;

That it is but just that when an honest and faithful public servant dies that his memory should be revered by all;

That our sympathy is extended to his family and friends in their bereavement.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family and duly published in the Lima papers.

W. L. MACKENZIE,
J. C. RIDENOUR, } Com.
U. M. SHAPPELL.

DEATH AT THE HOSPITAL.

A death occurred at the city hospital at 2 o'clock this morning, the victim being a 17 year-old boy named Tabler, of 370 south Jackson street, who was removed to the city hospital

about four weeks ago to be operated upon for an abscess. The remains are at Grosjean's morgue and arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY MEETINGS.

ELIDA CORPORATION.

There will be a meeting held at the townhouse in Elida, O. on the 16th day of March, 1900, to place in nomination township officers of German township, Allen county, O. to be elected at the April election, 1900, to select delegates to the county convention and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Polls to open at 4 o'clock p. m. close at 6:30 p. m. All persons wishing to be candidates, must present names and pay assessments by March 10, 1900.

W. N. SHERRY, Com.

GERMAN TOWNSHIP.

There will be a meeting held at the town house in German township on the 16th day of March, 1900, to place in nomination township officers of German township, Allen county, Ohio, to be elected at the April election, 1900, to select delegates to the county convention and such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Polls to open at 3 o'clock p. m. and close at 6:30 p. m.

All persons wishing to be candidates must present names and pay assessments by March 1st, 1900.

T. C. LONG.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP.

The Jackson township Democratic primary convention will be held at the township house, Lafayette, O., Saturday, March 10, 1900, from one o'clock p. m. to 6 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating the following candidates to be voted for at the election to be held April 2, 1900: One justice of the peace, one trustee, one clerk, one assessor, one constable. All persons desiring to be candidates at said convention for any of the above offices will please hand their names to the undersigned on or before March 6, 1900, that their names may appear upon the ballots at said primary.

C. A. GRAHAM,
Advisory Committeeman.

SPECIAL VENIRE.

Which Adds More Jurymen for
the Trial Tomorrow.

Ten additional jurymen were drawn today so that there will be plenty of material to draw from in selecting twelve true and tried men to sit in the trial of Shugro which comes up tomorrow. The list comprises the following: George Benroth, of Richland township; Frances Brummell, of Monroe; L. H. Post, of Amanda; F. C. Middlestetter, of Monroe; Elias Lora, of Monroe; Timothy Evans, Fourth ward; A. W. Freyman, of Richland; Charles Andrews, of Shawnee; Theodore Kemper, of Delphos, and Wm. Watt, of Jackson.

Townsend's Fish.

White, Boneless Herring, Trout, Pickerel, Cat Fish, Smelts, Grass Pike, Mackerel Select and Standard Oysters.

Grand Opening.

Roast pig and oysters galore at the French House Cafe tonight.

It FLOYD M. SHAFER.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to extend my thanks to the Prudential Ins. Co., for the very prompt payment of the claim on my wife, Mrs. Henrietta Rauch.

F. W. RAUCH.

FIRE

Gets an Early Start

And Damaged the Pine Street
School Building.

Janitor's Brave Fight

Saved the Handsome Building
from Complete Destruction.

Telephone Wire Broke and Fell Across
the Trolley and the Grammar D.
Department was Almost
Burned Out.

The handsome south Pine street school building was saved from utter destruction by fire this morning by the prompt and clear-headed work of janitor A. Ramseyer. He arrived at the building about five o'clock, leaving home earlier than usual in order to have the rooms warm and comfortable by the time the scholars assembled. When he entered the hall he found it

FULL OF SMOKE

and its course was traced to the office room formerly occupied by the principal of the building, but since the crowded condition of affairs used by Miss Barbara Snyder, teacher of the D. grammar grade. The woodwork in the room was blazing merrily and the flames had gained considerable headway. The baseboard around the room was on fire in several places and the door leading into the hall was almost destroyed. Janitor Ramseyer, with presence of mind, brought into play one of Dr. Newell's fire extinguishers and its use no doubt

SAVED THE BUILDING

from great damage, either by the fire itself or the effect of a thorough drenching had the fire department been called to the scene. It was an experience which tested the nerves of the janitor, however, for as soon as the fire was extinguished and there was no further danger, he collapsed and fell to the floor, thoroughly exhausted by the struggle and effects of the heat and smoke.

An investigation into the cause of the fire brought about the discovery that the telephone wire connecting with the phone in the principal's office had broken down with its weight of ice and had fallen across the south Pine street trolley wire. The electric current was communicated to the building and the base board, around which the telephone wire ran, was set on fire. The telephone was burnt up and when the janitor arrived the blaze had communicated with a box containing a lot of waste paper. It was a narrow escape from complete destruction and janitor Ramseyer deserves a sincere

VOTE OF THANKS

for his prompt and effective services. Considering the expense to which the public has been put to build the east High street school and the prospect of another building for the high school scholars within another year, the loss of the fine structure on south Pine street would have created a deplorable situation.

ATHLETICS.

Standing High Jump and Basket
Ball at Y. M. C. A.

Tonight at 8 o'clock the seventh event in the all round series will be contested. The following is the standing of the men at present: Bresler, 71; Campbell, 65; More, 58; Bower, 54; Winemiller, 53; Fry, 52; H. Smith, 47; Dr. Jones, 46; F. Mitchell, 44; Barr, 42. Basket ball games as follows: Lutheran College vs. Business Men; Railroad Men vs. High School.

America's Finest 5c Cigar.

Weidemann's 1861.
Handled by the following dealers:
Holland & Thomas,
H. B. Hover,
T. S. Smith,
Samuel Furgson,
L. C. Townsend,
John Wheeler.

THE WEIDEMAN COMPANY,
Sole Distributors,
Cleveland, Ohio.
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HALFHILL

Was Turned Down Hard.

Republican Committee Refused to
Obey Orders.

And Unanimously Voted Against the
Proposition to Meddle With the
School Board.

The effort made by the TIMES-DEMOCRAT yesterday, to manifest the wish of the majority of citizens with reference to J. M. Halfhill's proposition to throw the Board of Education into partisan politics, was not made in vain. The sentiment expressed by the citizens through the medium of the TIMES-DEMOCRAT could not be ignored and the Republican City Central Committee, at its meeting last night, refused to obey the instruction given it by the Republican caucus Tuesday evening, when Mr. Halfhill's motion was passed by what is claimed by the Hannaites to have been a "packed" convention.

The new committee met last evening in the office of its chairman, M. J. Sanford, and was in session until after 10 o'clock, with nearly every member present. The instructions of the caucus, pertaining to the school board matter, were thoroughly discussed and when a vote was taken upon the proposition the committee, by a unanimous vote, refused to obey the instruction given it by the Halfhill motion.

The defeat of Mr. Halfhill's effort is a black eye for the Foraker contingent that was not merited by all of the senior senator's following in this city, for many of Mr. Halfhill's fellow Forakerites were opposed to the proposition he made. That is not all of the trouble the anti-Hanna men are into either. The local leaders of that wing of the G. O. P. dealt out the appointments of census enumerators in Allen county and where there were 32 men to be appointed, there were about 392 who had been promised and who felt themselves entitled to the jobs. The result is that 300 are as mad as hornets and a number of them have thrown off the Foraker yoke and declared themselves, and the end is not yet.

RECRUITS

Are Still Wanted for Service in the
U. S. Army.

Thomas Savage, of the U. S. regular army, was here from Wapakoneta yesterday circulating posters calling attention to the fact that a recruiting office has been opened in the Auglaize capitol for the enlistment of able bodied men for service in all branches of the U. S. army service. Recruits will be received at the Wapakoneta office today and tomorrow.

LOGAN OIL CO. STOCKHOLDERS
NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Logan Oil Co., will be held at the Lake Erie hotel, No. 708 south Main street, Monday evening, March 5, at 7 o'clock sharp. Election of officers and other important business will be transacted. By order of
8-3t
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The spring and summer styles of Dunlap & Co., hatters, will be placed on sale Saturday, March 3rd. Advance orders taken now. Hume sole agent. 8-2t

Ladies, clean your kid gloves with LaBelle glove cleaner; for sale only by Mrs. F. Light, headquarters for kid gloves and sole agent for the famous Voltaire and Melrose gloves in all the leading shades. Gloves fitted and warranted. 5-1f

Spring opening of Dunlap Hats Saturday, March 3rd. Hume, the hatter, sole agent.

HELD

In Winter's Grasp

Are all Trains in and Out of
Lima.

A Deplorable Situation,

Which is Described as the Worst
Yet on Record.

The C. H. & D. Unable to Get a Train in
or out of Toledo, Where the Snow
Has Drifted Almost Mountain High.

Not in the history of local railroads has the situation been worse than it is reported today from official sources. Enquiries at headquarters this morning brought responses which proved that all of the roads are struggling against weather conditions, which have interfered with traffic to such an extent that old time schedules have given way to "any old time, just so we get here," as one of the dispatchers remarked this morning. Affairs on the C. H. & D. are in a deplorable condition and passenger and freight trains have been annulled without number. The first passenger train to reach this city from Toledo since noon yesterday, arrived at 5:20 this morning as No. 7, and it came as a double header with engines 317 and 323. Everything is all right north as far as Deshler, but there the trouble begins and to get a train into Toledo is an impossibility, the snow in places having drifted to a depth sufficient almost to cover an engine.

Passenger trains 14, 1, 13 and 3 were annulled last night, and Nos. 2 and 12 were operated as double headers. They were able to get no farther into Toledo than the yards. It took one train twelve hours to get from one side of Toledo to the other. No. 6 with

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Feldmann & Co.
209-211 N. Main Street.

This Week's Store News
Of Interest to Buyers.

Our Maslin Underwear Sale.
New Tailor Made Suits.
New Dress Skirts.
New Silk Waists.
New Dress Trimmings.
New Ribbons.
New Allovers.
New Kid Gloves.
New Petticoats.
New Corsets.
New Belts and Neckwear.



A FASTIDIOUS BUYER

Always selects her food supplies from our choice stock of high grade Groceries. We cater to the demands of a first class trade and can meet the wants of everybody, with the purest and best foods that can be secured at prices that will enable you to live high at small cost, when you can get Old Mission Oranges for 20 cents per dozen.

JAMES S. SMITH,

ROUTE 127, GROCER.

CONSIGNMENTS OF
NEW LUMBER.....

For building purposes are being constantly received from the best producing forests of the country. Our supply of white and yellow pine, spruce, hemlock and all kinds of hard woods shingles and lath, and our stock is never allowed to run low, and we can always fill large or small orders promptly, with the best seasoned lumber. Always kept under cover and at prices that defy competition.

WALTER P. BLOOM.

... WE TEAR DOWN ...

FRONT AND FIXTURES,

... OF THE ...

COLUMBIA SHOE STORE...

Will be torn OUT and new ones put in their stead. Now rather than pile our goods on the floor or pay storage charges.

We Will Sell Out Entire Stock for the Next 10 Days

AT DEEP CUT PRICES.

This Week We Offer:

1,400 pairs Ladies' Kid Button Shoes, worth \$2, \$2.25 and \$2.50, for

\$1.00 Per Pair.

Misses' and Children's Shoes at deep cut prices. Buy this week and save dollars.

Columbia Rebuilding Sale,

AT THE OLD STAND.

Two shots were fired at President Castro during a carnival at the capital of Venezuela.

During the marriage ceremony of John S. Blair and Miss Nannie Semser, at Perry, Okla., the bride fell dead.

Joseph Glen, a farmer of near Bluefields, W. Va., killed his daughter, her lover, Albert Marsh, and then cut his own throat.

John O'Donnell was elected to succeed Michael Davitt, who resigned his seat in parliament as a protest against the Boer war.

Pleads For Mercy

On Behalf of the Man Who
So Cruelly Beat Her.

Holland Pleaded Guilty

And Has a Heavy Fine to Work
Out at Toledo.

The Jury After An All Night Session De-
cides That Wm. Taylor is Guilty as
Charged—Sentence
Reserved.

One of the most remarkable in-
stances of a woman's devotion toward
a husband was publicly illustrated in
common pleas court this morning,
when Archibald Holland was brought
forth to stand trial for assaulting his
wife with intent to kill. The jury was
impaneled and the case ready for
hearing, when the defendant's attor-
ney, John P. Kerr, notified the court
that the prisoner, with the consent of
the prosecutor, would plead guilty to
assault and battery.

Mrs. Holland had put in an appear-
ance meantime and greeted her hus-
band with tearful affection. She sat
sobbing in her chair during the prelimi-
naries and would have made an appeal
to the court for mercy had it been per-
mitted. Attorney Kerr in his state-
ment of the situation from the defen-
sive, declared that Mrs. Holland's in-
juries to a great extent were caused
by her falling in an effort to get home
while in an intoxicated condition. On
the other hand, Prosecutor Klinger
described the assault as one of the
most brutal in the history of the
county and that Mrs. Holland had her-
self confessed at one time to a very
different situation. Judge Conning-
ham stated to the prisoner that his
confession of guilt, even when his wife
was present to testify in his behalf,
left no room for doubt that he had
been guilty of a crime of a most ag-
gravated nature, and that it was an
offense so brutal as to warrant but
little sympathy. After a severe lec-
ture, the court sentenced the prisoner
to serve four months in the Toledo
work house, pay a fine of \$100 and the
costs of the prosecution. If Holland
remains to work out the fine and costs
it will be a long time before he returns
to Lima. Mrs. Holland dramatically
declared that she would follow her
husband to Toledo and remain with
him until his release.

TAYLOR FOUND GUILTY.

The case of the state against Wm.
Taylor, who was indicted for living in
adultery with Mrs. Maggie McGuire,
was completed yesterday evening, but
the jury had an all night struggle in
trying to agree upon a verdict. The
first ballot found eight in favor of
conviction and four opposed, and the
result remained unchanged until the
night was well spent. Toward morn-
ing two of the four came over to the
majority and the others were not long
in following. When court convened
this morning the jury was brought
down and the verdict of "guilty as
charged in the indictment" read by
the clerk. An exception was noted by
the defendant's attorney to the ver-
dict and sentence has been temporari-
ly postponed. Mrs. McGuire, the
woman in the case, will be tried next
week.

HUNTON RETIRES.

Ex-Deputy Sheriff John Hunton was
taken to the penitentiary this morning
by Sheriff Bogart, to serve out the two
years sentence for forgery.

MOTION TO STRIKE OUT.

The First National bank of Circleville,
as a party defendant in the case of
the Woodlawn Avenue Saving &
Loan association vs. B. C. Taurat, has
filed a motion, asking that the state-
ment in the defendant's answer, which
denies the jurisdiction of the court that
rendered judgment against him, be
stricken out.

Ladies, clean your kid gloves with
LaBelle glove cleaner; for sale only by
Mrs. F. Light, headquarters for kid
gloves and sole agent for the famous
Voltaire and Melrose gloves in all the
leading shades. Gloves fitted and war-
ranted. 5-1f

Art in Photography.

Best modern method. Latest effects.
Hunt's Studio. Northeast corner
public square. 10c

Terminates the Illness of Mrs. Henrietta Rauch.

Had Been Ill For Six Weeks—The Funeral
Services will be Held Friday
Afternoon.

Mrs. Henrietta Rauch, wife of P.
W. Rauch, the well known real estate
agent, died at the family residence,
No. 219 north Central avenue, at 1:30
o'clock yesterday, death resulting from
nervous trouble from which she had
been ill for about six weeks. The de-
ceased was aged 45 years, 1 month and
15 days and is survived by her hus-
band, two sons and one daughter.
The funeral services will be held at
the Spring street Lutheran church at
1:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, Rev. I.
J. Miller officiating. Interment will
be made in Woodlawn cemetery.

Mr. Rauch is a prominent member
of the Macabees order, being at present
Record Keeper of Petroleum Tent,
No. 422.

LIMA HIVE L. O. T. M.

Enjoyed a Delightful Evening at
Their Last Dance.

The dance given by Lima Hive, No.
43, L. O. T. M. Monday evening was
a grand success. Promptly at nine
o'clock, Prof. Frey's orchestra signaled
all to the ball room to witness the
grand march, which was led by Mr.
Harry Gorman and Miss Miller, and
presented a very pretty sight as about
eighty-five couples wended their way
around the hall. The program which
was appreciated by all, consisted of
what the young folks like best—
waltzes, two steps, Niagara, Duguesne
and Americas, with an occasional
quadrille and lancers to break the
monotony. The ladies proved them-
selves capable of entertaining as all
lingered until after wee hours, and
seemed loth to leave. Prof. Hoffman
proved himself an able prompter and
all declared themselves doubly paid
for the trouble of coming out. **

SERIOUS

Is the Condition of the Venerable
William Pugh.

Is Suffering an Attack of Pneumonia Which
He Contracted While En Route
to Detroit.

Wm. Pugh, one of Lima's most re-
spected and venerable citizens, is lying
at the point of death at his home on
east High street. Mr. Pugh contract-
ed a severe cold two weeks ago, while
enroute to Detroit where he took
charge of the remains of his son, John
Pugh, the D. & L. N. fireman, who
was killed in a railroad accident. Soon
after his return Mr. Pugh was taken
ill, pneumonia setting in. Yes-
terday was the ninth day since the be-
gining of his illness, and Mr. Pugh
instead of improving is much worse,
and the attending physician announces
that his condition is critical.

TO THE PUBLIC.

The board of lady managers of the
Lima Hospital society desire to ex-
press to the public, their sincere ap-
preciation of the many courtesies ex-
tended them during the rehearsals for,
and the giving of the recent carnival.
Through the kindness and generos-
ity of the people of Lima, this board
will be enabled to make such improve-
ments at the hospital as will make
this home for the sick and afflicted,
more cheerful and homelike even than
it has been heretofore.

To all who participated, or in any
way contributed toward making the
carnival a success, we express our sin-
cere thanks.

Mrs. S. A. BAXTER, President.
Mrs. JOHN K. BRICE, Sec'y.

National Union.

Regular meeting of Ottawa Council,
No. 125 National Union at Donze
Hall tonight at 7 o'clock. Another
large class will be admitted to the or-
der and a good time is promised. The
members know what this means and
will be out in full force.

"There is no little enemy." Little
impurities in the blood are sources of
great danger and should be expelled
by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Of Wrath Follows

The Action Taken By the
Republican Caucus.

Republicans Denounce It

And the Majority of Citizens Op-
pose the Plan.

Success of Schools to Be Jeopardized in
Order That Some One May Have
Patronage to Peddle to
Political Parties.

J. W. Halfhill was certainly mistaken
if, when he made a motion in the Re-
publican city caucus last night in-
structing the new city central com-
mittee to drive the Board of Educa-
tion into partisan politics, he believed
he was striking a popular chord. No
one raised an objection to the motion
and not a nay vote was heard when
chairman Campbell called for the con-
trary expression, but a moment later,
after the meeting had adjourned, many
were the expressions of dissatisfaction.
Many prominent Republicans did not
hesitate to state that the action was
wrong and a menace to the success of the
public schools. Today the same senti-
ment was prevalent in every business
house and public place where citizens
discussed the proposition. The TIMES-
DEMOCRAT interviewed half a hun-
dred prominent citizens, chiefly Re-
publicans and the following is a pro-
portionate number of the statements
made in reply to a request for an ex-
pression of opinions on the subject:

C. D. Crites—"I do not approve of
any plan to introduce partisan politics
in the organization of our city school
board. To do so means that instead
of selecting good sensible business
men who have the interests of the
schools at heart, we will be organiz-
ing a board of ward politicians, who
will be elected for the purpose of deal-
ing out patronage, a system that will
prostitute even our teachers to the dis-
tracting influence of political jobbery."

Rev. J. M. Mills—"I am unquali-
fiedly in favor of non partisan schools
for the schools as well as for
state and penal institutions."

A. J. Morris—"It is sacrificing the
interests of our school children in
order that some one may have pa-
tronage to peddle. I am satisfied that
the action of last night does not repre-
sent the sentiment of the majority of
citizens or of the will of the Republi-
can party. I believe that this grew
out of the controversy between the
present board and Lima college."

Wm. M. Melville—"It cannot make
matters worse than they are at present."

George W. Myers—"The board
should be kept out of party politics."
T. T. Mitchell—"I think it a wrong
thing to do. The school system will
become too unsettled. We might as
well take political party affairs into
the churches as into the school board."

L. R. Longworth—"I have never
been in favor of anything but a non
partisan board. The present system is
not right but to make a fight between
the political parties every spring for
the organization of the board would
not improve matters but would only
make them worse."

DEMOCRATS

Requested to Meet Next Wednes-
day Evening.

The Democratic voters of the city
of Lima are requested to meet in the
city council chamber, third floor of
city building, Wednesday evening,
February 28, at 7:30 o'clock, for the
purpose of organizing a Democratic
city central committee, preparatory to
the coming spring election.

DR. D. H. SULLIVAN, Ch'm'n.
J. W. BRALL, Sec'y.

"Old Si Stebbins" Coming.

"Old Si Stebbins" a rural play, last
the Lyceum and a big audience enjoyed
it last night. The play is quaint
in humor and it is well presented by a
competent company of which Dan
Darleigh and the Elmore sister are the
most prominent. [Albany Journal.
"Old Si Stebbins" and his Grassville
Center Band will be here Thursday.

Is Delighted With the Good Re- sults Which Have Followed

The Installation of the Associated Press
Wire Reports by the Times
Democrat.

It was a great treat to the people of
Lima to receive, through the medium
of the Associated Press reports in the
TIMES-DEMOCRAT, a full account of
the surrender of the gallant army un-
der General Cronje to Field Marshall
Roberts. Two full columns of tele-
grams bearing upon that subject gave
our paper the information twenty
hours earlier than it was furnished
through the medium of the Cincin-
nati, Cleveland or Chicago papers.
Hundreds of extra copies were sold in
our counting room last night to peo-
ple anxious to learn the fate which
had befallen the brave Boer forces
whose courage had excited the ad-
miration of the world.

A representative newspaper using
full wire reports, keeping its readers
in perfect touch with the outer world
is just what the people of Lima want,
and the alacrity with which they re-
spond when such a newspaper is offer-
ed them in the TIMES-DEMOCRAT is
most gratifying to the publishers.

CIRCULAR

Announces the Change

By Which Supt. Riley is Relieved
of Authority.

Jurisdiction of Marshall, of the Lake Shore.
Extended—What Hill and Brad-
bury are Doing.

The circular announcing the exten-
sion of Supt. Marshall, of the mechan-
ical department of the Lake Shore, over
the L. E. & W. lines was issued yes-
terday and has been previously stated
by the TIMES-DEMOCRAT. Supt. Riley
is relieved of the larger portion of his
authority. Mr. Riley will probably
remain with the company, however,
for a few weeks more.

Superintendent Riley has been in
the service of the L. E. & W. in the
capacity of master mechanic for thir-
teen or fourteen years and has always
commanded the utmost confidence of
the other officers of the road and the
respect of the army of men employed
in that branch of the service under
his supervision. If the road loses him
by reason of its absorption by the
Lake Shore, it will lose a most excel-
lent gentleman and an efficient official.

HILL AND BRADBURY.

D. S. Hill, whose resignation from
the office of general superintendent for
the L. E. & W. to make room for the
extension of superintendent Blodgett's
jurisdiction, was mentioned last
Wednesday, has been appointed assist-
ant to chief engineer Handy. Mr.
Hill has been in the service of the L.
E. & W. since the days when its main
line was about as extensive as that of
the C. L. & M. at present.

Col. George L. Bradbury, who has
been general manager and vice presi-
dent of the L. E. & W. for many years
and who, during the life of Hon. C. S.
Brice as president of the system,
managed and operated the road with
unlimited authority, is left in a pre-
dicament even more plainly ludicrous
than that in which D. S. Hill now
finds himself. Bereft of the duties
and power of general manager he is
now isolated in his office in Chicago
nursing the empty title of vice presi-
dent, with authority over no one and
with practically nothing to do but to
look wise. Mr. Bradbury, however, is
quite wealthy, and his ability will
doubtless soon find a new berth in
which to be useful in the railroad world.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

The regular meeting of Trinity
Chapter No. 16, O. E. S. will meet to-
morrow evening at Masonic hall in
regular session. Business of impor-
tance is to be transacted and an urgent
request for a full attendance is ex-
tended. Visitors are welcome.

ANNA CLIZBE, Worthy Matron.
JENNIE E. ROUSH, Sec'y.

The Sutorium circle will meet with
Mrs. Fall on the evening of March 9th
instead of March 8th.

Blood Was Spilled

In the Republican Caucus of
Last Evening.

Inning of Foraker Men

Was a Decisive Battle That Wid-
ened the Breach.

Republicans Are Determined to Throw
the School Board Into Partisan
Politics—City Commit-
tee Selected.

The Republican candidates for man-
icipal offices, accompanied by their in-
dividual body guards, met in a mass
caucus in the city council chamber
last night and the Hanna and Foraker
factions "mixed" in a decisive battle
royal that terminated in a victory for
the Foraker crowd. The temporary or-
ganization was of a Foraker complex-
ion and though it is a case of boss
and boss so far as the personnel of the
new city central committee is concern-
ed, the Hanna fellows received several
short-arms jabs that gave decisive
points in favor of the Foraker battal-
ion.

Although the meeting was officially
called for 7:30 o'clock, the Foraker
men were on deck half an hour ahead
of that time. They held a secret con-
ference before the gong sounded and
when sister Hanna appeared in her
corner, her opponent only looked wise
and sat still, as gum as an oyster.

FIRST BLOOD FOR JUNE 1.

Everybody knew it was to be a fight
between the two old factions—a re-
newal of the old feud and the council
chamber was nearly half filled with
Republicans and disinterested specta-
tors when J. E. M. X. Y. Z. Morrison
called the affair to order and suggested
that a temporary referee be selected.

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The choice of any Jacket in
our store tomorrow for \$3.25
and each succeeding day un-
til the tenth day of March
the prices will be reduced
twenty-five cents on each gar-
ment, if not all sold before
that date.

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STOCKING OUR YARD WITH LUMBER

In large quantities we are contin-
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of bidders and contractors, who want
their order for large quantities filled
promptly. We choose nothing but
the best quality in both soft and hard-
wood lumber.

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Always selects her food
supplies from our choice stock of
high grade Groceries. We cater to
the demands of a first class trade and
can meet the waste of everybody, with
the purest and best foods that can be
secured at prices that will enable you
to live high at small cost. When you
can get Old Mission Oranges for 20
cents per dozen.

JAMES S. SMITH,
BOTH PHONES 127. GROCER.

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Then drop us a postal card and we will send you our pamphlet "No. 1" which tells you how every 250 persons
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Deposits can be withdrawn on demand. Highest bank references.
COMBINATION INVESTMENT COMPANY, Board of Trade Station, Chicago, Ill.

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Attend this sale to-day and save dollars.

Columbia Rebuilding Sale,

AT THE OLD STAND.